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**Are you making the best use of the full range of Labour Market and Social data that the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has available?**

This directory will help you gain a basic understanding of the labour market and social statistics available from the ABS Household Surveys Program, both in standard published formats and by means of our special data services.

The program is designed to produce:

- basic labour force statistics on employment and unemployment as well as an extensive array of in-depth labour market data and
- a wide range of demographic, education, training, health, welfare, housing, income and expenditure, crime and criminal justice and culture/leisure statistics.

Whether in the private or public sector, a business person, researcher or student it makes sense to be well informed as to what the ABS can offer and how best to access this information. We may be able to make your job easier.

*N.B. Information contained in this publication is current at July 1994.*

*Publication titles may change over time, however data will still be available.*

*Contact the person listed at the bottom of the relevant survey description if you have any queries.*





## The ABS Labour Market and Social Surveys Program

The ABS conducts a number of household surveys in which specially trained interviewers collect information from survey respondents throughout Australia.

ABS household surveys fall into two broad categories:

- the *Monthly Population Survey*, comprising the *Labour Force Survey* and a *Supplementary Survey* topic(s) in most months; and
- *Special Supplementary Surveys*.

Apart from the Labour Force Survey which changes rarely, the household surveys program is examined annually with a detailed review undertaken every three years. This takes into account submissions for new surveys and/or changes to repeated surveys. Prior to each review, a formal request for submissions is issued by the ABS to major users of statistics derived from the program.

For more information on how to become involved in the submission process see Appendix A.



**Part A**

**Monthly  
Labour Force Survey  
(MLFS)**



## A. The Monthly Labour Force Survey (MLFS)

The ABS *Labour Force Survey* is a monthly household survey which provides Australia's official measures of unemployment and employment. The aim of the survey is to obtain information monthly on the labour force status of the Australian population, thereby enabling labour force trends to be monitored.

### What information is collected?

Estimates of

- Employment
- Unemployment
- Unemployment rate
- Participation rate
- Hours worked
- Duration of unemployment

are derived from a standard set of questions asked each month (with additional questions on industry and occupation sought in the months of February, May, August and November).

The information is collected using a methodology known as *any responsible adult*. This means that information for all persons in the household, in scope, may be obtained from a responsible adult representative of the household.

In most months, additional questions are included as Supplementary topics to the standard survey, see Section B, page 13, for more information.

### Who is included in the survey?

Civilians of working age (15 years and over), who are usually resident in Australia, are considered *in scope* for the MLFS. Excluded from the survey are:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- diplomatic personnel of overseas governments;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia

Approximately 29,000 private dwellings and non-private residences (covering about three-fifths of one percent of Australia's population) are visited, representing approximately 63,000 people. Surveys are conducted over a two week period beginning on the Monday that falls between the 6th and 12th of the month, by a staff of specially trained interviewers.

### When are results published?

Basic labour force data is published monthly. Information about industry and occupation is collected every third month, in February, May, August and November. For a full list of Labour Force publications see page 10.

# Labour Force Survey Data

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Data from the Labour Force Survey is available on the following bases:

- Original (unadjusted)
- Seasonally adjusted — available for Australia and the States: labour force status by selected demographic characteristics
- Trend (smoothed seasonally adjusted) — availability as for all seasonally adjusted series and also available for the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

Most of the items listed below are also available for monthly supplementary topics.

## Standard Geographic and Demographic Items

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>State/<br/>Territory</b> | New South Wales<br>Victoria<br>Queensland<br>South Australia<br>Western Australia<br>Tasmania<br>Northern Territory<br>Australian Capital Territory |
| <b>Area</b>                 | Capital City<br>Balance of State\Territory  |
| <b>Region</b>               | Standard labour force regions ( <i>see pages 109–110</i> )  |
| <b>Sex</b>                  | Males<br>Females  |
| <b>Marital<br/>Status</b>   | Married<br>Not-married  |

## Standard Geographic and Demographic Items — *continued*

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Age</b>   | 15-19   | <i>Note: Age groups may vary depending on the specific survey topic.<br/>Data for single ages may be compiled on request.</i> |
|  | 20-24   |   |
|  | 25-34   |   |
|  | 35-44   |   |
|  | 45-54   |   |
|  | 55-59   |   |
|  | 60-64   |   |
|  | 65 and over   |   |
| <b>Education</b>   | Current school attendance                                       |   |
|  | Year and month left school                                      |   |
|  | Full-time tertiary educational institution attendance           |   |
|  |   |   |
| <b>Relationship<br/>in Household</b><br>(as from March 1994) | <b>Family member</b>  |   |
|  | Husband or wife   |   |
|  | With children under 15  |   |
|  | Without children under 15                                       |   |
|  | With dependants   |   |
|  | Without dependants  |   |
|  | Lone parent   |   |
|  | With children under 15  |   |
|  | With dependent students but without children under 15           |   |
|  | Without dependants  |   |
|  | Dependent student   |   |
|  | Non-dependent student   |   |
|  | Other family person   |   |
|  | <b>Not family member</b>  |   |
|  | Lone person   |   |
|  | Not living alone  |   |
| <b>Family type</b>   | Number of family members  |   |
|  | Number of children aged 0-14 present in household               |   |
|  | Number of dependent children present                            |   |
|  | Labour force status of husband, wife or family head             |   |
|  | Family relationship of the civilian population aged 15 and over |   |

## Standard Geographic and Demographic Items — *continued*

### **Birthplace** (*available at a finer level as a special data service*)

Born in Australia

Born outside Australia

Main English-speaking countries

Other countries

Oceania

New Zealand

Europe and the USSR

Germany

Greece

Italy

Netherlands

UK and Ireland

Former Yugoslav republics

The Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

Southeast Asia

Malaysia

Philippines

Viet Nam

Northeast Asia

China

The Americas

Other (includes Southern Asia and Africa excl. North Africa)

India

### **Birthplace and period of arrival**

Born in Australia

Born outside Australia

Arrived before 1971

Arrived 1971–1975

Arrived 1976–1980

Arrived 1981–1985

Arrived 1986–1990

Arrived 1991 to date



## Standard Labour Force Items

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Industry</b>                        | Industry of employment in main job (ASIC 3 digit level)<br>Collected in the months February, May, August and November only.  |
| <b>Occupation</b>                      | Occupation of employment in main job (ASCO from August 1986). Collected in the months February, May, August and November only.   |
| <b>Labour force</b>                    | Labour force status ( <i>employed / unemployed / not in the labour force</i> )<br>Unemployment rate ( <i>unemployed divided by labour force</i> )<br>Participation rate ( <i>labour force divided by civilian population</i> )   |
| <b>Persons Employed</b>                | Status of worker in main job ( <i>wage and salary earner / employer / self employed / unpaid family helper</i> )<br>Full-time/part-time status of employment (based on hours worked in all jobs)<br>Hours worked last week in all jobs<br>Average weekly hours worked last week (aggregate hours/ number of employed persons)<br>Preference for working more hours ( <i>for part-time workers only</i> )<br>Reason for working less than 35 hours last week ( <i>e.g. holidays, illness</i> )  |
| <b>Persons Unemployed</b>              | Whether looking for full-time or part-time work<br>Reason for ceasing last full-time job<br>Industry of last job ( <i>for unemployed persons who had worked for 2 weeks or more in a full-time job in the last 2 years</i> )<br>Occupation of employment ( <i>for unemployed persons who had worked for 2 weeks or more in a full-time job in the last 2 years</i> )<br>Reason not available to start work in reference week<br>Duration of unemployment<br>Average (mean) duration of unemployment<br>Median duration of unemployment<br>Duration of long term unemployment (i.e. 52 weeks)<br>Long term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment<br>Active steps taken to find work<br>Whether looking for first job<br>Whether stood down |
| <b>Persons Not in the labour force</b> | Whether looking for work   |

## Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

### **Australia**

*The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (6202.0)

These preliminary monthly results are released 14 working days after interviewing is completed.

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)

Final monthly results, released before the end of following calendar month.

*The Labour Force, Australia: Historical Summary, 1978–1989* Irregular (6204.0)

An historical summary of the labour force

*Labour Statistics, Australia* Annual (6101.0)

Includes statistics from both employer and household Labour surveys.

*Labour Force Projections, Australia, 1992–2005* Irregular (6260.0)

Contains the first ABS Australian labour force projections.

*Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment, Australia* Irregular (6246.0)

Details the concepts underlying measures of employment, underemployment, unemployment and marginal attachment to the labour force.

*Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment* Irregular (6279.0)

Australian labour force framework outline, explanation and definitions.

*Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* Irregular (6232.0)

Includes a copy of the latest Labour Force Survey questionnaire, definitions and guidelines to following the questionnaire.

These **State** publications include **regional** data:

*Monthly Regional Labour Force Statistics, New South Wales* Quarterly (6104.1)

*The Labour Force, New South Wales* Quarterly (6201.1)

*The Labour Force, Victoria* Quarterly (6202.2)

*The Labour Force, Queensland* Quarterly (6201.3)

*Labour Force, South Australia* Quarterly (6201.4)

*Tasmanian Statistical Indicators* Monthly (1303.6)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Labour Force Estimates on (06) 252 6565.

**Part B**

**Monthly  
Supplementary Surveys  
(MSS)**



## **B. Monthly Supplementary Surveys**

### **What information is collected?**

The topic of the monthly supplementary survey, run in conjunction with the Monthly Labour Force Survey (MLFS), varies from month to month. Most of the monthly supplementary topics are labour market related, some of which are collected regularly in particular months each year.

Like the MLFS, information is usually collected using the *any responsible adult* methodology. This means that information for all persons in the household, in scope, may be obtained from a responsible adult representative of the household.

National Supplementary Surveys are generally run for nine of the twelve months of the year. They are not conducted in the months of January and December due to the atypical patterns experienced in the holiday season. In addition the month of October is usually set aside for the conduct of State based topics (*see pages 58 to 72*).

### **Who is included in the surveys?**

The scope of monthly supplementary surveys differs from survey to survey depending upon the nature of the topic. The objectives of some supplementary surveys are related to specific population groups, so that additional groups may be outside the scope of particular supplementary surveys, while still being within the scope of the MLFS and vice versa. For example, some supplementary surveys are restricted to persons who are not in the labour force, or to persons who are in specific age groups. Conversely, some supplementary surveys collect information about children, and for these surveys, children under 15 years of age are within the scope of the supplementary survey but outside the scope of the MLFS.

### **Publication of results**

In general, a summary of results is published for each survey conducted. Publication names and catalogue numbers are listed for each of the survey topic descriptions which follow. ABS publication numbers of the most frequently conducted national monthly surveys are listed on page 14.

## Regular Monthly Supplementary Publications

| Cat No. | Title  |
|---------|--|
| 4402.0  | <i>Child Care</i>  |
| 4335.0  | <i>Health Insurance</i>  |
| 6206.0  | <i>Labour force experience</i>                                   |
| 6209.0  | <i>Labour mobility</i>   |
| 6216.0  | <i>Multiple jobholding</i>                                       |
| 6220.0  | <i>Persons not in the labour force</i>                           |
| 6222.0  | <i>Job search experience of unemployed persons</i>               |
| 6224.0  | <i>Labour force status and other characteristics of families</i> |
| 6227.0  | <i>Transition from education to work</i>                         |
| 6235.0  | <i>Labour force status and educational attainment</i>            |
| 6238.0  | <i>Retirement and retirement intentions</i>                      |
| 6245.0  | <i>Successful and unsuccessful job search experience</i>         |
| 6250.0  | <i>Labour force status and other characteristics of migrants</i> |
| 6264.0  | <i>Persons who had re-entered the labour force</i>               |
| 6265.0  | <i>Underemployed workers</i>                                     |
| 6267.0  | <i>Persons who have left the labour force</i>                    |
| 6272.0  | <i>Participation in education</i>                                |
| 6275.0  | <i>Persons employed at home</i>                                  |
| 6310.0  | <i>Weekly earnings of employees (distribution)</i>               |
| 6319.0  | <i>Superannuation</i>  |
| 6325.0  | <i>Trade union members</i>                                       |
| 6334.0  | <i>Employment benefits</i>                                       |

## National Supplementary Surveys

The table overleaf provides details of all national monthly supplementary surveys conducted, and proposed for conduct, in the period 1988–1998.

As the program is reviewed annually, the 1996–1998 program remains subject to minor changes.

In some cases these topics may also have been conducted in years prior to 1988. For information on data availability prior to 1988, please contact the person listed at the bottom of the specific survey description (*see pages 20–57*).

## Monthly Supplementary Survey Program 1988-1998

| Survey Topic  | 1988    | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 |
|---|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Absences from Work  |         |      |      |      |      | Aug  |
| Annual and Long Service Leave Taken                       |         | May  |      |      |      |      |
| Attendance at Selected Culture/Leisure Venues             |         |      |      | Jun  |      |      |
| Career Experience   |         |      |      |      |      | Feb  |
| Characteristics of Small Business Owners                  |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child Care  |         |      | Nov  |      |      | Jun  |
| Children's Immunisation                                   |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| Crime and Safety  |         |      |      |      |      | Apr  |
| Employment Benefits                                       | Aug     | Aug  | Aug  | Jul  | Aug  |      |
| Environmental Behaviour                                   |         |      |      |      | May  |      |
| Family Status of the Labour Force                         | Jun     | Jun  | Jun  | Jun  | Jun  | Jun  |
| Health Insurance  | Jun     |      | Jun  |      | Jun  |      |
| Home Production   |         |      |      |      | Apr  |      |
| Household Telephone Connections                           |         |      |      | Aug  |      |      |
| Income and Housing Costs                                  |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| Infant Sleeping Positions                                 |         |      |      |      | Jul  |      |
| Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons               | Jul     |      | Jul  | Jun  | Jul  | Jul  |
| Labour Force Experience                                   | Feb     | Feb  | Mar  | Mar  | Mar  | Mar  |
| Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment            | Feb     | Feb  | Feb  | Feb  | Feb  | Feb  |
| Labour Force Status and Educational Attendance            | Sep     | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  |
| Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants |         |      | Sep  |      |      | Sep  |
| Labour Mobility   | Feb     | Feb  | Feb  | Feb  | Feb  |      |
| Multiple Jobholding                                       |         |      |      | Jul  |      |      |
| Persons Employed at Home                                  |         | Apr  |      |      | Mar  |      |
| Persons Not in the Labour Force                           | Mar Sep | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  | Sep  |
| Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force               |         |      | May  |      |      | May  |
| Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force                    | Apr     |      |      | Apr  |      |      |
| Rental Investors  |         |      |      |      |      | Jul  |
| Rental Tenants  |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| Retirement  |         | Nov  |      |      | Oct  |      |
| Retirement Intentions                                     |         | Nov  |      |      | Oct  |      |
| Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience         |         |      | Jul  |      | Jul  |      |
| Superannuation  | Nov     |      |      | Nov  |      | Nov  |
| Trade Union Membership                                    | Aug     |      | Aug  |      | Aug  |      |
| Transition from Education to Work                         | May     | May  | May  | May  | May  | May  |
| Underemployed Workers                                     | May     |      |      | May  |      |      |
| Voluntary Workers   |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| Weekly Earnings of Employees (distribution)               | Aug     | Aug  | Aug  | Jul  | Aug  | Aug  |
| Work in Selected Culture/Leisure Activities               |         |      |      |      |      | Mar  |
| Working Arrangements                                      |         |      |      |      |      | Aug  |



## Monthly Supplementary Survey Program 1988-1998

| Survey Topic  | 1994             | 1995             | 1996 <sup>a</sup> | 1997 <sup>a</sup> | 1998 <sup>a</sup> |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Absences from Work  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Annual and Long Service Leave Taken                       |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Attendance at Selected Culture/Leisure Venues             |                  | Mar              |                   |                   |                   |
| Career Experience   |                  |                  | Nov               |                   |                   |
| Characteristics of Small Business Owners                  |                  | Feb              |                   | Feb               |                   |
| Child Care  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Children's Immunisation                                   |                  | Apr              |                   |                   |                   |
| Crime and Safety  | Apr <sup>b</sup> | Apr <sup>b</sup> |                   | Mar               |                   |
| Employment Benefits                                       | Aug              | Aug              | Jul               | Aug               | Aug               |
| Environmental Behaviour                                   | Jun              |                  | Mar               |                   | Mar               |
| Family Status of the Labour Force                         |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Health Insurance  | Jun              | Jun              | Jun               | Jun               | Jun               |
| Home Production   |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Household Telephone Connections                           |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Income and Housing Costs                                  | Jul-Dec          | Jan-Dec          | Jan-Dec           | Jan-Dec           | Jan-Dec           |
| Infant Sleeping Positions                                 |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons               | Jul              | Jul              | Jun               | Jul               | Jul               |
| Labour Force Experience                                   | Mar              | Feb              |                   | Feb               |                   |
| Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment            | Feb              |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Labour Force Status and Educational Attendance            | Sep              | Sep              | Sep               | Sep               | Sep               |
| Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants |                  |                  | Nov               |                   |                   |
| Labour Mobility   | Feb              |                  | Feb               |                   | Feb               |
| Multiple Jobholding                                       | Aug              |                  |                   |                   | Aug               |
| Persons Employed at Home                                  |                  | Sep              |                   |                   | Sep               |
| Persons Not in the Labour Force                           | Sep              | Sep              | Sep               | Sep               | Sep               |
| Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force               |                  | Jul              |                   | Jul               |                   |
| Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force                    | Sep              |                  |                   | Sep               |                   |
| Rental Investors  |                  |                  |                   | Jun               |                   |
| Rental Tenants  | Apr              |                  |                   | Jun               |                   |
| Retirement  | Nov              |                  |                   | Nov               |                   |
| Retirement Intentions                                     | Nov              |                  |                   | Nov               |                   |
| Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience         | Jul              |                  | Jun               |                   | Jul               |
| Superannuation  |                  | Nov              |                   |                   | Nov               |
| Trade Union Membership                                    | Aug              |                  | Jul               |                   | Aug               |
| Transition from Education to Work                         | May              | May              | May               | May               | May               |
| Underemployed Workers                                     | Sep              | Sep              | Sep               | Sep               | Sep               |
| Voluntary Workers   |                  | Jun              |                   |                   |                   |
| Weekly Earnings of Employees (distribution)               | Aug              | Aug              | Jul               | Aug               | Aug               |
| Work in Selected Culture/Leisure Activities               |                  |                  |                   | Mar               |                   |
| Working Arrangements                                      |                  | Aug              |                   | Aug               |                   |

a: Provisional program

b: User funded in selected states.

## Monthly Supplementary Surveys Conducted July 1988–June 1994

Where practicable, surveys are repeated on the same basis to enable a time series of data to be compiled. However, from time to time the need for particular data items changes in response to changing labour market and social conditions.

The survey descriptions provided here list data items collected in the most recent survey conducted for a particular topic.

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## Absences From Work

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### Description

This topic provides data on absences from work of more than three hours over a two week period by employees and the reasons for such absences. In particular, the survey covers absences to attend to family matters, sick leave and workers' compensation.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job. Persons who worked solely for payment in kind, or without pay in a family business and unpaid voluntary workers are excluded from the survey.

### Frequency

Biennial; first survey August 1993 (expected release July 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Working arrangements (*see Working Arrangements, page 57*)

Weekly earnings (*see Weekly Earnings of Employees, page 55*)

Weekly earnings in all jobs

### Absences from main job

Whether had an absence of at least 3 hours in the last 2 weeks

Number of whole days off work in the last 2 weeks

Number of part days off work in the last 2 weeks

Day of week on which most recent absence occurred

Main reason for most recent absence

Type of leave taken for most recent absence

Whether on paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information will be released in —

*Working Arrangements, Australia (6342.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## **Annual and Long Service Leave Taken**

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### **Description**

This topic provides information on the amount and timing of paid annual leave and paid long service leave taken during a twelve month period.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who reported having worked as wage and salary earners ('employees') at any time in the last twelve months. For long-service leave the scope is further restricted to persons who were aged 25 to 65.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; latest survey April 1989 (released April 1990).

### **Data items**

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### **Main job details**

Occupation

Industry

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Duration

### **Details of all leave taken**

Annual and/or long-service leave total weeks taken in each month

Number of weeks of annual and/or long-service leave taken

Month annual and/or long-service leave taken

Number of weeks of uninterrupted leave in December previous year and January current year

Leave status

### **-Details of annual leave**

Annual leave total weeks taken in each month

Number of weeks of annual leave taken

Month annual leave taken

### **Details of long service leave**

Long-service leave total weeks taken in each month

Number of weeks of long-service leave taken

Month long-service leave taken

### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Annual and Long Service Leave Taken, Australia (6317.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Attendance at Selected Culture/Leisure Venues

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### Description

This survey provides details on the number and participation rate of persons who attended a selection of leisure/cultural venues in the twelve months prior to the survey. It also collects information on the socio-demographic and locational characteristics of persons who attended, and who did not attend, these venues.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 18 or over.

### Frequency

First and latest survey June 1991 (released February 1992). From March 1995, to be conducted every four years.

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

### Attendance at venues

Number of times in previous twelve months attended;

- libraries
- museums
- art galleries
- popular music concerts
- classical music concerts
- theatre
- music theatre (including opera)
- dance

### Non attendance at venues

Reasons (cost/access/distance/other barrier) for non attendance at;

- libraries
- art galleries
- dance
- classical music

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items can be found in —

*Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues, Australia (4114.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Manager, National Culture Leisure Statistics Unit (NCLSU), on (08) 237 7449.

## Career Experience

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### Description

This survey collects information on the career experience of employees, including details of current and previous jobs, changes in jobs such as promotions and transfers and training opportunities. It also provides information on breaks away from work for six months or more.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees'). Persons on workers' compensation, who worked solely for payment in kind, without pay in a family business, and unpaid voluntary workers are all excluded from the survey.

### Frequency

Irregular; first and latest survey February 1993 (released November 1993).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Main field of study

### Current main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Whether had more than one period of employment with current employer

Length of employment with current employer

Whether had more than one position with current employer

Length of time in current position

### Career experience

All changes in work with current employer within the last 12 months (e.g. promotion, transfer)

Whether work performance formally appraised by current employer within the last 12 months

Whether intend to stay with current employer for the next 12 months

All types of training received within the last 12 months

Whether received more than one type of training within the last 12 months

Whether training supported by employer

Whether had a break from work of six months or more

Number of breaks from work

Whether on paid or unpaid leave on most recent break from work

Length of most recent break from work

Main reason for most recent break from work

### Other

Weekly earnings in current position

Whether had any child(ren) aged under 12 years

Age of youngest child

Type of child care used

Reason did not use formal child care

Number of employees in household

Place of usual residence twelve months ago

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Career Experience, Australia* (6254.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Child Care

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### Description

This topic provides details on the supply of and demand for formal and informal child care arrangements for children under the age of 12 years. The characteristics of family units and persons with young children are also collected.

Scope of the survey is restricted to families usually resident in Australia with children under 12 years of age.

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey June 1993 (released May 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Other demographic items

Number of children aged 0-11 in family

Sex/Age of children

Country of birth/year of arrival of children

Language other than English/main language spoken at home<sup>(b)</sup>

School attendance

Total income of each parent/main source of income

Shiftwork<sup>(a)</sup>

### Child care arrangements: formal and informal

Type of care arrangements used

Days/hours of attendance

Time of day (For 1993 only available for Informal and Before and After School Care)

Regularity of care<sup>(a)</sup>

Cost of care

Reasons for use of child care

Location/preference of location of formal care used (For 1993, specifically asked for Pre-school and Long Day care only)

### Demand for formal care

Type of formal care required

Reasons for wanting/not wanting more formal care

Reasons more care not available

Preference for formal over informal care

### Other

Awareness of fee relief<sup>(a)</sup>

Child care assistance provided by employer/whether used<sup>(b)</sup>

Child care arrangements used by working parents with sick children/preferred arrangements<sup>(b)</sup>

Parental working arrangements used in caring for children<sup>(b)</sup>

Attendance at vacation care

Male partner care<sup>(b)</sup>

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Child Care, Australia* (4402.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Statistical Consultancy (02) 268 4214.

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(a) Not available from the 1993 Survey. (b) Available for the first time in 1993 Survey.



## Crime and Safety

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### Description

This survey collects information on the incidence of victimisation in selected categories of crime, reporting behaviour and victimisation risk factors in the twelve months prior to the survey.

Scope for most information is civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over living in private dwellings. Scope for the sexual assault information is females aged 18 years and over and this is collected on a voluntary basis. All information is collected by means of a privately completed mail back questionnaire.

### Frequency

Five yearly; latest survey 1993 (released April 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Household crimes

Break and enter/attempted break and enter

Number of incidents and number made known to police

Whether most recent incident reported/not reported and why

Description of items stolen (break and enter only)

Motor vehicle theft

Number of incidents and number made known to police

Whether most recent incident reported/not reported and why

Location, type of owner, insurance coverage

### Personal crimes

Robbery/assault/sexual assault

Number of incidents and number made known to police

Whether most recent incident reported/not reported and why

Location of last incident

Use of weapon

Whether offender/s were known to the victim

Whether physically injured (assault and sexual assault victims only)

### Other

Length of residency in the dwelling

Type of tenure (whether owned/being bought, rented, other)

Membership and perception of effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch/Rural Watch programs

Frequency of using public transport after 6 pm

Frequency of going out after 6 pm for entertainment and type of entertainment places visited

Whether home security devices installed and why

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Crime and Safety, Australia* (4509.0)

Data from earlier State and national surveys, containing some of the above items, can be found in —

*Crime and Safety, New South Wales, April 1992* (4509.1)

*Crime Victims, Western Australia, October 1991* (4506.5)

*Crime and Safety, South Australia, April 1991* (4509.4)

*Crime and Crime Prevention Survey, Victoria, July 1987, (Preliminary)* (4507.2)

*Victims of Crime, Australia, 1983* (4506.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics please contact the Assistant Director, Statistical Consultancy, on (02) 268 4214.

## Employment Benefits

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### Description

This topic provides information on the forms of remuneration (other than usual pay), received by employees and other conditions of their employment.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job. Persons on workers' compensation, who worked solely for payment in kind, without pay in a family business, and unpaid voluntary workers are all excluded from the survey.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey August 1992 (released December 1992). From August 1994, a core set of data items will be collected annually and released in *Weekly Earnings of Employees Distribution, Australia* (6310.0).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Weekly earnings

Weekly earnings in all jobs

### Benefits details

Type of benefit

Number of standard benefits received (i.e. holiday, sick, long-service leave and superannuation)

Number of special benefits (excludes holiday, sick, long-service leave and superannuation)

Type of housing benefit (entitlement, subsidy, allowance)

Type of telephone benefit (calls, rent paid or subsidised)

Type of transport benefit (vehicle, expenses)

Type of study benefit

Provision of sick/paid holiday/long-service leave

Source of holiday expenses benefit

Source of finance benefit

Source of goods benefit

Superannuation coverage and source

Amount of paid holiday leave (weeks)

Ability to accrue holiday leave

Purpose of finance benefit

Study as a condition of employment

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Employment Benefits, Australia* (6334.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

# Environmental Behaviour

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## Description

The May 1992 topic covered household attitudes and behaviour with respect to recycling of waste, the purchasing of packaged products and the visiting of national parks. The June 1994 survey will cover aspects of water and energy conservation. Both surveys cover general personal concerns about the environment and the public's view of the environment's importance in relation to economic growth.

Scope of the survey is restricted to persons usually resident in Australia aged 18 and over.

## Frequency

Biennial; latest survey June 1994 (expected release late 1994).

## Data items

State/Territory, area and region

Household type

Sex

Age/age of head of household/age of spouse

Marital status of head of household/ spouse

Number of dependent children in household

Highest educational qualification

Study status

## Employment

Employment status

Occupation

## Environment (persons)

Concerned about environmental problems

Environmental problem of concern (e.g. pollution, garbage disposal, destruction of trees etc.)

Level of importance of environmental issues as compared to economic growth<sup>(a)</sup>

Donated time or money to environment in last 12 months<sup>(a)</sup>

Environment group member<sup>(a)</sup>

Registered environmental concern in last 12 months<sup>(a)</sup>

Visited park/heritage area in last 12 months<sup>(a)</sup>

Reason park/heritage area not visited<sup>(a)</sup>

Environment information source (e.g. media, library, local council etc.)<sup>(a)</sup>

Information influenced behaviour/attitudes<sup>(a)</sup>

Information is readily available<sup>(a)</sup>

Willingness to accept less product packaging<sup>(a)</sup>

Reason less packaging is acceptable<sup>(a)</sup>

## Environment (households)

Items recycled<sup>(a)</sup>

Recycling type<sup>(a)</sup>

Reason no recycling occurs<sup>(a)</sup>

Use of environmentally friendly products<sup>(a)</sup>

Reason products are not used<sup>(a)</sup>

Household insulation<sup>(b)</sup>

Window treatment<sup>(b)</sup>

Solar orientation<sup>(b)</sup>

Heating<sup>(b)</sup>

Gas usage and availability<sup>(b)</sup>

Source and quality of water<sup>(b)</sup>

Water conservation measures<sup>(b)</sup>

Number, age and usage of appliances<sup>(b)</sup>

Factors considered when purchasing appliances<sup>(b)</sup>

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(a) Asked in the 1992 Survey only. (b) Asked in the 1994 Survey only

## **Environmental Behaviour — *continued***

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### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Environmental Issues — Peoples Views and Practices* (4141.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Environment and Natural Resource Statistics on (06) 252 7889.

## Family Status of the Labour Force

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### Description

This topic provides information about the types of families to which individuals belong and labour force status of these individuals. Unlike other topics described in this section which are based on additional questions asked in conjunction with the Labour Force Survey, this topic does not involve extra questions. Rather, the information is obtained by undertaking additional family coding to June Labour Force Survey responses.

Scope of the survey is the same as the Labour Force survey except it is further restricted to persons in private dwellings where all usual residents are present.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey June 1994 (expected release late 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Family

Type of family (married-couple, one-parent, other)

Number of dependants present

Labour force status of family members, including husband, wife or family head

Number of dependants aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (full-time students)

Family status of the civilian population aged 15 and over

### Unemployed persons

Unemployment rate

Duration of unemployment of husband/wife (married-couple families) or parent (one-parent families)

### Employed persons

Full-time/part-time status of parents

Weekly hours worked

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Labour Force Estimates on (06) 252 6565.

## Health Insurance

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### Description

This survey provides information on the levels and types of private health insurance cover of different socio-demographic groups in the Australian community, enabling changes in health cover occurring over time to be monitored.

Scope of the survey is civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey June 1992 (released April 1993).

(Note: From 1992 to be conducted on an irregular basis)

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Income

Gross weekly income

Sources of income

Type of government pension/benefit received

Type of health concession card held

### Persons/units with private health insurance

Type and level of cover

Duration of cover

Contribution rate

Recent changes to type and/or level of cover

Reasons for insuring

### Persons/units without private health insurance

Period since ceasing cover

Reasons for not insuring

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Health Insurance Survey, Australia (4335.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Health Surveys on (06) 252 6403.

## Home Production

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### Description

This topic collects information on the type and quantity of selected foods produced at home within a 12 month period. This data enables a better assessment of apparent consumption statistics of both foodstuffs and nutrients.

Scope of the survey is restricted to residents of private dwellings. Unlike most other surveys in the program this topic is collected at the household level rather than individual level.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey April 1992 (released January 1994).

### Data items

Dozens of eggs laid  
Type and weight of fruit grown  
Type and weight of vegetables grown  
Type and weight of seafood caught  
Weight (in shell) of nuts grown  
Litres of beer produced  
Litres of wine produced

### Survey publications

Results of the survey are available in—

*Home Production of Selected Foodstuffs, Australia 1991-92 (7110.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Agriculture, Mining and Environment Section on (06) 252 5338.

## Household Telephone Connections

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### Description

This topic collected information on the numbers of telephones connected in private dwellings and the composition and characteristics of householders in those dwellings.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 15 and over, living in private dwellings.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey August 1991 (released 11/91).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Whether telephone connected

Number of lines connected

Main reason for not having telephone connected

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Household Telephone Connections, Australia* (4110.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Statistical Consultancy, on (03) 615 7350.



## **Infant Sleeping Positions**

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### **Description**

This survey provides information on the sleeping positions of children under two years of age. The position infants sleep in has been associated with the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 15 and over, with at least one child under the age of two years living at the residence.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; first and latest survey July 1992 (released January 1993).

### **Data items**

#### **Parents**

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Age left school

Educational attainment

#### **Child**

Age (months)

Sex

Position placed in when put to bed (back/stomach/side)

Whether changes position

Position usually changes to

When position changes

#### **Family/household**

Family/household type

Number of children aged less than 2 years

Number of children aged 0–14

### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in -

*Survey of Infant Sleeping Positions, Australia* (4386.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Health Surveys on (06) 252 6403

## **Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons**

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### **Description**

This topic provides additional information to that collected each month in the labour force survey on the characteristics of unemployed persons.

Scope of the survey is restricted to unemployed civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 15 and over, excluding those who have been stood down.

### **Frequency**

Annual; latest survey July 1993 (released November 1993).

### **Data items**

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Main field of study

### **Details of job search experience**

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

Duration of current period of unemployment

All active steps taken to find work

Active steps taken to find work

Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job

Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job

Number of offers of employment

All difficulties in finding work

Main difficulty in finding work

Spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months

Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months

### **Details of unemployed persons**

Occupation of last full-time job

Industry of last full-time job

Whether had worked full time

Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job

Duration of last full-time job

Reason for ceasing last full-time job

Status of worker in last full-time job

### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia (6222.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Labour Force Experience

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### Description

Conducted annually since 1980, this survey is designed to provide information on the labour force experience of the civilian population aged 15 to 69 years during the previous 12 months. It allows for the analysis of specific groups, such as persons changing labour force status during the period and is the only source of data for labour force experience over a 12 month period.

This topic in conjunction with the Labour Mobility topic, collected biennially in February, are major sources of data for analysing the dynamic nature of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 69.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey March 1994 (expected release August 1994).

(Note: From February 1995, to be conducted biennially).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin<sup>(a)</sup>

### Labour force experience during the year

Whether during the year

in the labour force at some time

worked at some time

looked for work at some time

ceased a job

Main activity when not in the labour force

Full-time/part-time status

Time spent during the year

in the labour force

not in the labour force

working

looking for work

in part-time work

Duration of current period of looking for work

### Other

Number of jobs held during the year

Number of spells of looking for work during the year

### Survey publications

Data on a summary of these items can be found in —

*Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

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(a) Available for the first time in 1994 survey

## Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment

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### Description

This topic makes available information on the level and main field of study for the highest educational qualification obtained and how this relates to components of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 69.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey February 1994 (expected release July 1994).

(Note: From February 1995 Educational Attainment data is to be collected as part of the annual survey of Transition From Education to Work (see page 53)).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (see pages 6-8)

Standard labour force items (see page 9)

Occupation and industry of current job

Occupation and industry of last full-time job

Educational attainment

Main field of study

Degree

Trade qualification/apprenticeship

Certificate or diploma

Country obtained highest post-school qualification

Year obtained highest post-school qualification

Whether attended an educational institution last year<sup>(a)</sup>

Type of educational institution attended

Whether attended full-year or part-year

Student status (full-time/part-time)

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia* (6235.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Education Subsection on (06) 252 6418.

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(a) Asked of 15 to 25 year olds only

## Labour Force Status and Educational Attendance

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### Description

This survey collects current information on the number and characteristics of persons attending educational institutions. The information is used to examine involvement in the education system and by analysis of time series data, to predict future patterns of educational participation.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 24.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey September 1993 (released March 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Whether had worked full-time

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

Whether attending an educational institution

Type of educational institution attending

Whether attending school

Type of school attending (government/non-government)

Type of attendance

Level of course

Type of school last attended (government/non-government)

Year left school

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Participation in Education, Australia* (6272.0)

(formerly titled *Labour Force Status and Educational Attendance, Australia* (6272.0))

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Education Subsection on (06) 252 6418.

# Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants

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## Description

This topic provides details on the nature of migration since 1970 and relates this to participation in the labour force. Details of other characteristics of migrants are also collected. The topic provides information allowing for an evaluation of the migrant/labour market interface.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia who were not born in Australia, and who arrived after 1970 aged 18 or more and were allowed to stay permanently.

## Frequency

Triennial; latest survey September 1993 (released May 1994).

## Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

## Before migration details

Whether had a job

Whether worked full-time

Occupation

Whether had family in Australia

All family in Australia

## Migration details

Migrant summary variable (born in/out Australia; permanent/temporary resident, arrival period)

Country of last residence

Relationship of country of last residence to country of birth

Educational attainment on arrival

Field of qualification obtained<sup>(a)</sup>

Country in which qualification obtained<sup>(a)</sup>

- Whether qualifications recognised in Australia<sup>(a)</sup>

Migration category (principal applicant, refugee, sponsored)

Family who arrived with migrant

All family who arrived with migrant

Age on arrival

## Current main job details

Occupation

Full-time/part-time status

## Other

Main source of income

Main source of income and government pensions/benefits received

Whether occupation before migration was the same as occupation at survey date

Highest qualification gained since arrival

English fluency<sup>(a)</sup>

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(a) Available only for 1993 survey

## **Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants — *continued***

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### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia* (6250.0)

*Information Paper: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants,  
Australia — Unit Record File on Magnetic Tape* (6251.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the  
Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Labour Mobility

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### Description

This survey provides information on job mobility and job tenure. In conjunction with the Labour Force Experience topic, this survey is a major source of data for analysing the dynamic nature of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 69 years who have worked at some time during the year ending February.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey February 1994 (expected release July 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Full-time/part-time status

Duration

### Details of last job and job held 12 months ago

Occupation

Industry

Full-time /part-time status

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Duration (available for last job only)

### Details of job change from last job to current job and job change from job 12 months ago to current job

Occupation

Industry

Labour force status

### Details of occupation change from last job to current job and occupation change from job 12 months ago to current job

Occupation major group/minor group/unit group

Industry division/subdivision/unit group

### Other

Number of employers or businesses during year

Number of changes in locality during year

Reason changed locality

Reason for ceasing last job

Job mobility (i.e. changes in location or employer in the 12 month period)

Place of usual residence 12 months ago

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Labour Mobility, Australia* (6209.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.



## Multiple Jobholding

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### Description

This survey ascertains the extent of multiple job holding, the nature of both main and second jobs, the hours worked, occupation/industry and earnings from first and second jobs.

Scope of the survey is restricted to employed civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were multiple job holders. i.e. the person was an employee (wage and salary earner) in at least one of their jobs and also worked in a second job in the reference week or held a second job from which they were absent because of holidays, sickness or other reason.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey July 1991 (released March 1992).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)  
Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation  
Industry  
Sector (public/private)  
Hours worked  
Full-time/part time status  
Size of location (number of employees)  
Permanent/casual status  
Status of worker  
Weekly earnings

### Second job details

Occupation  
Industry  
Whether worked in second job in reference week  
Hours worked  
Status of worker  
Weekly earnings

### All job details

Hours worked  
Full-time/part-time status  
Multiple jobholder employment status  
Weekly earnings

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Multiple Jobholding, Australia* (6216.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Persons Employed at Home

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### Description

This survey addresses issues related to the size and characteristics of that part of the labour force which is engaged in home-based employment. Structural change in the economy and rapid technological change suggest that the incidence and variety of home-based employment is increasing. The survey provides comprehensive statistics for this component of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who are employed at home i.e. persons who usually work more hours at home than elsewhere in their main, or second job, or business.

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey March 1992 (released September 1992).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Whether children aged 0 to 14 present

Occupation

Industry

### Work arrangements

*Working at home*

Whether employed at home

Whether job worked at home was main job

Whether all hours usually worked at home

Number of hours usually worked

Number of hours usually worked at home

Main reason began working at home

Time in job worked at home

Permanent/casual status

Status of worker

Similar previous work experience

Whether doing same type of work at home for other employers

*Employees working from home*

Usual gross weekly pay

Basis of payment

Superannuation coverage

Worker's compensation coverage

Trade union membership

Provision of sick leave

Provision of paid holiday leave

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Persons Employed at Home, Australia (6275.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## **Persons Not in the Labour Force**

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### **Description**

This topic collects information on persons who are neither employed nor unemployed. Data from this survey are used to measure potential labour not reflected in employment and unemployment statistics, and in particular to measure the number and characteristics of discouraged jobseekers and others marginally attached to the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 69.

### **Frequency**

Annual; latest survey September 1993 (released January 1994).

### **Data items**

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

### **Last job details**

Occupation

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Time since last job

Reason for ceasing

### **Work preferences**

Whether wanted to work

Intention to look for work in the next 12 months

Type of work preferred

Main reason for not actively looking for work

All reasons for not actively looking for work

### **Previous 12 months details**

Whether looked for work

Main activity

### **-Other**

Summary variable (characteristics of those with/without marginal attachment to the labour force)

Marginal attachment summary variable (type of marginal attachment to the labour force e.g. discouraged job seeker)

Age of children

Reason not available to start work within four weeks

### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Persons Not In The Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force

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### Description

This topic provides data on the number and characteristics of persons returning to the labour force and their reason for doing so. Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 15 and over, who have entered or re-entered the labour force in the last twelve months.

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey May 1993 (released November 1993). From July 1995 to be conducted biennially.

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

### Current job details

Occupation

Industry

Usual gross weekly pay

### Labour force activities

Summary of labour force activity and whether had re-entered the labour force

Whether working or looking for work

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

### During last 12 months

All steps taken to find work

Active steps taken to find work

All difficulties in finding work

Main difficulty in finding work

### In previous job

Occupation

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Reason for ceasing

Educational attainment when ceased

### Since previous job

Time since previous job

Time spent not in the labour force since previous job

Main activity while out of the labour force since previous job

Highest educational qualification gained since previous job

### Other past activities

Whether worked at some earlier time

Whether worked continuously for at least 12 months at some earlier time

Main activity before working

### Other

Main reason for wanting to work again

Method of job attainment

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia* (6264.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force

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### Description

This survey provides summary characteristics of persons who have left the labour force in the previous twelve months, assisting analysts project changes in the structure of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over, who have left the labour force in the last twelve months.<sup>(a)</sup>

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey April 1991 (released November 1991).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Educational attainment

Housing arrangements<sup>(b)</sup>

### Previous job

Occupation

Industry

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Usual gross weekly pay<sup>(b)</sup>

Maternity leave status

Reason for ceasing last job

### Not in the labour force

Main activity since leaving the labour force

Time since left the labour force

Main source of income

### Intentions to return to the labour force

Whether intended to return to the labour force

Anticipated time until re-entry into the labour force

Whether preferred full-time or part-time status upon return

Whether preferred same occupation upon return

### Other

Duration of continuous period in the labour force

Whether looked for full-time or part-time work before leaving the labour force

Reason ceased looking or unavailable for work

Last labour force activity

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia (6267.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

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(a) From 1994, the scope will exclude persons aged 70 and over. (b) Not available from 1994 onwards.

## Rental Investors

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### Description

This topic provides information allowing for analysis of the supply mechanism for private rental housing, and the characteristics of rental investors. Such characteristics include reasons for investing in housing and factors that would influence further investments.

### Frequency

Irregular; first survey July 1993 (released 4/94).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)<sup>(a)</sup>

Labour force status

Educational attainment

Field of study

Income

Gross (weekly/fortnightly/annual)

Sources

### Current investors

Number of investment properties owned

Number of investment properties being paid off

Year first became a landlord

How first property was acquired/financed

Reason became a landlord

Type of property first rented out

### Most recently acquired property

Type of property

Location of property

Market value

Age of property

Year first rented out by current owner

Ownership type (e.g. individual, as partner in a partnership)

Management of property (e.g. real estate agent, self)

How re-tenanted when becomes vacant (e.g. newspaper advertisement, real estate agent)

Reason for acquisition (e.g. inherited, investing for retirement)

Number of dwelling units (blocks of flats or units, etc.)

Number of bedrooms (for single dwellings)

Average number of bedrooms per dwelling unit (blocks of flats or units, etc.)

Repair and maintenance costs

Net return

Weekly rent

### Intending investors and re-investors

Whether intending investor or re-investor

Reasons for investing (again)

Factors influencing future investment decisions

### Former investors

Year sold

Reason for selling

Whether intending to re-invest

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information will be released in —

*Investors in Rental Dwellings, Australia* (8711.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit on (06) 252 5508.

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(a) Does not include educational attendance

## Rental Tenants

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### Description

This survey provides information on the characteristics of tenants in the private and public rental sectors, including the characteristics of dwellings and tenants' rental history.

### Frequency

Irregular; first survey April 1994 (expected release October 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)<sup>(a)</sup>

Labour force status

Income

Gross (weekly/fortnightly/annual)

Sources

Main source

### Current dwelling

Dwelling structure (e.g. separate house, semi-detached townhouse, flat, unit)

Tenure

Type of landlord (e.g. real estate agent, State or Territory Housing Authority, Employer)

Basis of tenancy agreement

Expenses shared

Reason for sharing

### Dwelling characteristics

Rented furnished or unfurnished

Physical condition — problems

Tenants rental history

Public housing issues

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information will be released in —

- *Renters in Australia* (4138.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit on (06) 252 5508.

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(a) Does not include educational attendance

## Retirement

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### Description

The retirement topic provides information on those persons who have permanently retired from full-time work thus giving a measure of flows out of the labour force and the characteristics of these persons.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 45 and over, who have permanently retired from the labour force.

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey October 1992 (released May 1993).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Whether had retired from full-time work

Age at retirement

Time since retirement

Whether retired early

Main reason retired early

Whether reached compulsory retirement age

Whether looked for a full-time job since ceasing last full-time job

Reason for ceasing last full-time job

Status of worker in last full-time job

Occupation in last full-time job and industry of last full-time job

### Retirement schemes/superannuation/income

Retirement scheme membership at retirement

Type of payment from retirement scheme

Disbursement of lump sum payment from retirement scheme

Amount of lump sum payment from retirement scheme

Main source of income at retirement

Main source of income at the time of the survey

Whether changed main source of income since retirement

### Housing

Housing arrangements at retirement

Housing arrangements at the time of the survey

Whether changed housing arrangements since retirement

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia* (6238.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.



## Retirement Intentions

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### Description

This survey provides information on the potential flows out of the labour force and on the provision being made by people for their future retirement. It enables estimates to be made of the present and future impact of retirement (including early retirement) on the structure of the labour force.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia, aged 45 and over who are working full-time, looking for full-time work, who would like full-time work, or intend to take up full-time work at some time in the future.

### Frequency

Triennial; latest survey October 1992 (released May 1993).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Occupation

Industry

Whether had retired or intended to retire from full-time work

Age intended to retire and expected time until retirement

Whether intended to retire early

Main reason intended to retire early

Whether intended to work part-time after retirement

### Retirement scheme membership/future income

Retirement scheme membership at the time of the survey

Expected type of payment from retirement scheme

Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from retirement scheme

Expected main source of income at retirement

### Current and future housing arrangements

Housing arrangements at the time of the survey

Expected housing arrangements at retirement

Whether intended to change housing arrangements after retirement

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia* (6238.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience

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### Description

This topic provides information on the way in which people look for jobs, and particularly on the method which proves ultimately to be successful.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who have started, or looked for, a job for wages or salary during the previous twelve months.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey July 1992 (released December 1992).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Main field of study

### Details of successful job search experience

Method of job attainment

Role of CES in job attainment

Whether out of work prior to starting job

Number of jobs started in the last twelve months

Time of starting job

Duration of looking for work before being offered job

Occupation in job when started

Full-time/part-time status of job when started

Whether job started was in preferred occupation

Whether first job ever held

### Details of unsuccessful job search experience in the previous 12 months

Occupation that would have been preferred

All steps taken to find work in preferred occupation

Active steps taken to find work in preferred occupation

Whether looked for full-time or part-time work

Number of spells of looking for work

Time spent looking for work

Occupation of job being sought

All steps taken to find work in occupation being sought

Active steps taken to find work in occupation being sought

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia (6245.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Superannuation

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### Description

This topic provides information on the number and characteristics of persons currently covered by superannuation schemes. It also provides less detailed information on persons not currently covered by superannuation schemes who were previously covered. Combined with the Retirement and Retirement Intentions topics the financial planning strategies of the retiring and retired populations are able to be analysed.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 74 excluding persons aged 15 to 20 still at school.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey November 1993 (released June 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Number of hours usually worked in current job<sup>(a)</sup>

Permanent/casual status

Time in current job<sup>(a)</sup>

Trade union membership

Usual gross weekly pay in current job

### Details of superannuation scheme coverage

Whether covered by a superannuation scheme

Whether covered by more than one superannuation scheme

Proportion of earnings paid as own contribution to superannuation scheme

Provider of superannuation scheme and whether membership optional

Own weekly contributions to superannuation scheme

Time in superannuation scheme

Reason had not joined a superannuation scheme

### Details of retirement expectations

Age intended to cease full-time work and expected time until ceases full-time work

Expected type of payment from superannuation scheme

Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from superannuation scheme

Expected main source of income after ceasing full-time work

Expected main source of income just after retirement age

### Details of previous superannuation scheme

Whether previously covered by a superannuation scheme

Time in previous superannuation scheme

Whether preserved some benefits from previous superannuation scheme

Expected type of payment from preserved benefits

Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from preserved benefits

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Superannuation, Australia* (6319.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

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(a) Not available from November 1993 Survey

## Trade Union Membership

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### Description

This topic provides details of social and demographic characteristics of union members and non-members who are employees in their main job.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over, employed as wage and salary earners ('employees'), in their main jobs. Persons on workers' compensation and persons who worked solely for payment in kind are excluded.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey August 1992 (released February 1993).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Member of a trade union

Weekly earnings

### Benefits details

Number of benefits

Number of benefits (excluding sick, annual and long-service leave)

Type of benefit

Superannuation coverage

Source of superannuation coverage

Study as a condition of employment

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Trade Union Members, Australia* (6325.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## Transition from Education to Work

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### Description

This topic provides information on the number and characteristics of leavers from schools and other educational institutions, including those who have obtained work. Also made available is information on the number and characteristics of persons currently studying to attain a recognised educational qualification, including apprenticeship training being undertaken, and information on the level and main field of study for the highest educational qualification completed by all persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 64. The apprentice population is further restricted to employed persons aged 15 to 34.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey May 1994 (expected release December 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Occupation

Industry

Industry/occupation of last full-time job

Educational attainment

Main field of study

Year obtained highest post-school qualification

Number of post-school qualifications completed

Highest year of secondary school completed<sup>(a)</sup>

Whether attended any training courses in the previous year

Whether applied to enrol in an educational institution in current year — unmet demand<sup>(a)</sup>

Type of school last attended (government/non-government)<sup>(a)</sup>

Year last attended an educational institution full-time<sup>(a)</sup>

### Study arrangements in previous year and current study arrangements

Attendance at an educational institution to attain a recognised educational qualification

Type of educational institution

Type of attendance

Level of course

Type of school attending (government/non-government)<sup>(b)</sup>

Whether attending same type of educational institution as attended in previous year

### Leavers (Persons who attended an educational institution full-time in the previous year and are not attending full-time currently)

Age at time of leaving full-time education

Time of leaving full-time education

Main reason left full-time tertiary education

### Apprenticeship status

Year of apprenticeship

Field of trade

Sector (public/private)

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in -

*Transition from Education to Work, Australia (6227.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Education Subsection on (06) 252 6418.

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(a) Persons aged 15-24 only (b) Current school students only

# Underemployed Workers

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## Description

This survey provides data on underemployed workers. i.e. employed workers who did not work as many hours as they would have liked. It provides information on the characteristics of such workers, the jobs in which they are employed and their employment preferences.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were underemployed as defined above.<sup>(a)</sup>

## Frequency

Triennial; latest survey May 1991 (released December 1991).

## Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

## Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Full-time/part-time status

## Details of underemployment status

Underemployment status

Whether fully employed or underemployed

Type of underemployment

Part-time underemployment status

Duration of current period of underemployment

All steps taken to find work during current period of underemployment

Whether registered with the CES

Main difficulty in finding work

## Other

Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job

Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job

Whether would prefer to change occupation

Whether would prefer to change employer to work more hours

Quantum of underemployment since previous job

Preferred total number of hours

Preferred number of extra hours

## Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Underemployed Workers, Australia (6265.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

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(a) From 1994, the scope will exclude persons aged 70 and over.

## Weekly Earnings of Employees (distribution)

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### Description

This topic provides information on the weekly earnings of civilian wage and salary earners. Similar data is available from other sources (e.g. surveys of employers), though this is usually collected from employers rather than employees and does not relate earnings to demographic characteristics as does this topic.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job. Persons on workers' compensation<sup>(a)</sup>, persons who worked solely for payment in kind, or without pay in a family business and unpaid voluntary workers are all excluded from the survey.

### Frequency

Annual; latest survey August 1993 (released February 1994)

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Hours paid

Frequency of pay

Weekly earnings

Absences from work (*see Absences From Work, page 20*)

-Working Arrangements (*see Working Arrangements, page 57*)

### Second job details

Hours worked

Weekly earnings

### All job details

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Weekly earnings

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Weekly Earnings of Employees (distribution), Australia (6310.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

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(a) Persons on workers' compensation are to be included in the 1994 and future surveys.

## Work in Selected Culture/Leisure Activities

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### Description

This survey provides details on the number of people working in selected culture/leisure activities and the nature and extent of paid and unpaid work for a range of cultural activities. The survey includes information on the extent of part time and voluntary work in culture and sporting activities.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over.

### Frequency

Irregular; First survey March 1993 (released December 1993).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Sporting activities

Nature of involvement with sport and whether payment received as  
participant  
coach/teacher/instructor  
referee/umpire  
committee/administrative  
other

### Cultural activities

Type of involvement with selected cultural organisations (including museums, libraries, film, radio)

Type of involvement in specific cultural activities (including art/craft activities, television, photography, writing/publishing, music and performing arts)

Teacher status (primary/secondary/other) and field (e.g. music/art/video/radio)

Extent of involvement with organisations or activities

paid/unpaid  
number of weeks involved  
average hours per week

### Non-culture jobs<sup>(a)</sup>

Whether also had a non-cultural job

Non-cultural job details (main job/occupation/average hours)

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Work in Selected Culture Leisure Activities, Australia (6281.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Manager, National Culture Leisure Statistics Unit (NCLSU) on (08) 237 7449.

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(a) Only for persons with cultural job in last 3 months



## Working Arrangements

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### Description

This survey provides information on the characteristics of working arrangements of employees, including the flexibility of working arrangements and shift work. Among the topics covered are hours worked, flex time, rostered days off, overtime, absences from work, types of leave used, weekly earnings and availability of childcare.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job. Persons who worked solely for payment in kind, or without pay in a family business and unpaid voluntary workers are excluded from the survey.

### Frequency

Biennial; latest survey August 1993 (expected release July 1994).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Weekly earnings of employees (*see Weekly Earnings of Employees, page 55*)

### Working arrangements

Whether start and finish times are fixed

Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off

Rostered Days Off (RDOs)

Overtime

Shiftwork

Days of the week usually worked

### Other

Childcare arrangements

Reasons for working less than 35 hours per week

Absences from work (*see Absences From Work, page 20*)

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information will be released in —

*Working Arrangements, Australia (6342.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Supplementary Surveys on (06) 252 6504.

## State/Territory Supplementary Surveys

Although most surveys are national the ABS reserves one month each year, usually October, for a supplementary survey topic nominated by one or more State Government agencies. Usually different surveys are conducted in each State. These State-nominated surveys are subject to the same approval processes as the national supplementary surveys. Priority to State topics is determined by the various State Statistical Co-ordination Committees.

For more information on how to become involved in the submission process *see pages 113-116 of Appendix A.*

## State Supplementary Surveys 1985-1994

### Legend to tables

- H = Household level data
- P = Person data
- R = sole Representative of household only
- y = yes, available in publication
- sds = available as a special data service
- nyr = not yet released
- n.a. = not applicable
- nyd = not yet determined
- . . = no survey conducted

## NEW SOUTH WALES

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 4311.1        | <b>Lifestyle: Health Risk Factors</b><br>Extent and frequency of physical exercise; tobacco intake; reasons for smoking particular brands; ex-smokers reasons for and means of giving up; alcohol consumption; drinking patterns; whether random breath tested | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1986        | 4403.1        | <b>Voluntary and Unpaid Workers</b><br>Hours worked in volunteer capacity; volunteer through organisation/outside organisation   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1987        | 8719.1        | <b>Domestic Water Usage</b><br>Water using appliances; swimming pools; garden and other outdoor water use  | H                 | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1987        | 4111.1        | <b>Time Use Pilot Survey, Sydney</b><br>Type of activity and time spent; travel means; payment for activity; time of day/week activity performed   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1988        | 4505.1        | <b>Bicycle Usage and Safety</b><br>Extent and patterns of bicycle riding; accidents; theft; use of safety equipment;   | H,P               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1989        | 8217.1        | <b>Domestic Energy Usage</b><br>Details of major domestic electric and gas appliances; hot water and room heating services   | H,R               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1990        | 4510.1        | <b>Usage of Legal Services</b><br>Incidence of specific legal matters; whether legal advice sought; sources of advice; reasons for not seeking advice  | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1990        | 4509.1        | <b>Crime and Safety</b><br>Victims of selected crimes including robberies, assault; reporting behaviour; perception of crime problems; Neighbourhood Watch details   | H,P               | y                           | y                           |

NEW SOUTH WALES — *continued*

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1991        | 6247.1        | <b>Part Time, Casual and Temporary Employment</b><br>Characteristics of workers; occupation; industry; working conditions; whether a second job worked                             | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1991        | 4509.1        | <b>Crime and Safety</b><br>Victims of selected crimes including robberies, assault; reporting behaviour; perception of crime problems; Neighbourhood Watch details                 | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1992        | 4387.1        | <b>Household Safety, Sydney</b><br>Household risk factors for children 0-4; storage of poisons; pool fences; use of electrical safety switches and smoke detectors                 | H,R               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1992        | 4509.1        | <b>Crime and Safety</b><br>Victims of selected crimes including robberies, assault, sexual assault; reporting behaviour; perception of crime problems; Neighbourhood Watch details | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1993        | 6301.1        | <b>Work Related Illness and Injuries</b><br>Work related illnesses and injuries; level of awareness of compensation schemes; use of rehabilitation services by injured workers     | p                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Community Fire Safety Awareness</b><br>Levels of fire safety awareness; preventative measures taken by households in case of fire; existing fire risk factors present           | nyd               | nyd                         | nyd                         |

# VICTORIA

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 8709.2        | <b>Water-using Appliances in Private Dwellings</b><br>Water using appliances present; usage patterns; use of water saving equipment and methods; outdoor watering systems presence and usage | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1986        | 4402.2        | <b>Use of Domiciliary Support Services</b><br>Assistance with household tasks; health care within home; hospitalisation  | H,R               | y                           | n.a.                        |
| 1987        | 4507.2        | <b>Crime Prevention</b><br>Incidence of crime; household security; perception of crime problems; Neighbourhood Watch participation   | H,R               | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1988        | 6304.2        | <b>Type and Conditions of Part-Time Employment</b><br>Characteristics of workers; occupation; industry; satisfaction with working arrangements; reasons for working part-time                | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1989        | 4118.2        | <b>Sports Participation</b><br>Occurrence; frequency; length of session; training; cost; reasons for non-participation; spectator involvement  | P                 | y                           | n.a.                        |
| 1990        | 4120.2        | <b>Community Participation in Energy Conservation</b><br>Energy conserving practices; level of concern about greenhouse effect, pollution; steps willing to take to conserve energy          | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1991        | 6204.2        | <b>Work Patterns of Women</b><br>Current employment characteristics; occupation; industry; use of childcare; breaks in employment and effects on career                                      | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1992        | 4387.2        | <b>Home Safety Products</b><br>Use of smoke detectors, electrical safety switches, pool fences, lockable poison cupboards; accidents in home; first aid training                             | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |

**VICTORIA** — *continued*

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1993        | 6266.2        | <b>Retrenched Workers and Workers Who Accepted Redundancy Packages</b><br>Pathways to further employment for workers made redundant or who accepted redundancy packages between October 1990–93; year retrenched/made redundant | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Travel to Work, School and Shops</b>   | P                 | y                           | y                           |

## QUEENSLAND

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 4504.3        | <b>Non-Commercial Fishing</b><br>Type of fishing activity and frequency; fishing locations; type of boats used; frequency of use;  | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1985        | 4503.3        | <b>Smoking</b><br>Smoking status; number of cigarettes smoked; type of cigarette smoked, regional data   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1986        | 4505.3        | <b>Use of Legal Services</b><br>Type of legal service used; type of legal matter   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1987        | 4506.3        | <b>Crime Prevention</b><br>Attitudes to Neighbourhood Watch; perception of crime problems; incidence of break and patterns; home security measures   | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1988        | (a)           | <b>Type and Conditions of Part Time Employment</b><br>Characteristics of workers; occupation; industry; reasons for working part-time  | P                 | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1989        | 8637.3        | <b>Intra-State Travel by Queensland Households</b><br>Number and purpose of trips; origin; destination; modes of transport; accommodation; regional data; activities engaged in                            | H,P               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1990        | 5670.3        | <b>Consumer Credit</b><br>Credit cards issued by financial institutions and retail outlets for personal use; credit limits; amounts owing; income sources  | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1991        | 8710.3        | <b>Housing Preferences, Intentions and Attitudes</b><br>Present and previous dwelling characteristics; sources of income and total household income; intention to change dwelling type; reasons for change | H,R               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1992        |               |  |                   |                             |                             |

(a) Not published but available on request for \$25.00.



QUEENSLAND — *continued*

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1993        | 4110.3        | <b>Participation in Sports and Physical Recreation Activities</b><br>Sport/activity in which participated; capacity and frequency of participation; expenditure on; sport/activity in which would like to participate; reason for non-participation | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Non Commercial Tourism in Queensland and Queenslander's Interstate and Overseas Travel</b>   | nyd               | nyd                         | nyd                         |

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 4301.5        | <b>Alcohol Consumption Patterns</b><br>Perception of health problems associated with drinking alcohol; daily drinking pattern and intake; location of consumption                                     | P                 | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1986        | (a)           | <b>Water Usage</b><br>Access to and use of mains, bore or well water; methods used to water lawns/ garden; number of water using appliances; attitudes to water rating procedures                     | H,R               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1987        | 7602.5        | <b>Non Commercial Fishing</b><br>Participation; type of fish sought; area fished; method used   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1988        | 8790.5        | <b>Housing Preferences and Intentions, Perth</b><br>Dwelling type; nature of occupancy; movement patterns of households   | H,R               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1989        | 9215.5        | <b>Bicycle Usage and Safety</b><br>Ownership and usage; destination of trips; usage of safety accessories; theft; accidents   | H,P               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1990        | 4111.5        | <b>Arts and Crafts — Purchasing and Participation</b><br>Patterns of purchases; expenditure; participation in art/craft for leisure as a hobby; type of involvement, venue, reasons for participation | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1991        | 4506.5        | <b>Crime Victims</b><br>Victims of assaults, robberies, sexual assault; Neighbourhood Watch Program; community perception of crime  | H,P               | y                           | y                           |

(a) no publication produced. All data available as a special data service.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1992        | 4140.5        | <b>Conservation of Energy, Water and the Environment</b><br>Present and future energy conservation measures; insulation; low energy lighting; house orientation; presence of appliances; water conservation measures; transport use; attitudes to conservation                  | H,R               | y                           | y                           |
| 1993        | 4408.5        | <b>Family Responsibilities and Labour Force Participation</b><br>Patterns of labour force participation for those with family responsibilities; existing work practices; responsibilities including care of pre-school and aged children, aged persons and other family members | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Travel to Work and School</b><br>Method of travel; use of public transport systems   | P                 | y                           | y                           |

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 4504.4        | <b>The Community and Crime Preventions</b><br>Perceived crime problems; fear of crime; incidence of housebreaking; reporting behaviour; home security measures                                    | H,P               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1986        | 6203.4        | <b>Type and Conditions of Part-Time Employment</b><br>Type of part-time work; industry; occupation; number of hours worked; earnings; qualifications; entitlements, reasons for working part-time | H,P               | y                           | y                           |
| 1986        | 4506.4        | <b>Beach Usage, Adelaide</b><br>Number of days visited; metropolitan beach visited  | P                 | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1987        | 4306.4        | <b>Smoking and Asthma</b><br>Reason for smoking; ex-smokers reasons for ceasing to smoke and means; cigarette consumption; prevalence of asthma; age started; ceased; number of attacks;          | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1988        | 4402.4        | <b>Community and Volunteer Work</b><br>Type of organisation; activity; hours worked; reasons for working; whether satisfied with work   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1989        | 8210.4        | <b>Domestic Heating and Fuelwood Usage</b><br>Fuel used for water, cooking, heating; insulation and firewood use  | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1990        | 8207.4        | <b>Domestic Energy</b><br>Domestic appliances present; wall and roof insulation; type of energy used  | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1991        | 9201.4        | <b>Journey to School, Work and Shop, Adelaide</b><br>Modes of transport used; extent of public transport use; cost; reasons for not using   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1991        | 4509.4        | <b>Crime and Safety</b><br>Victims and non-victims of crime; type of offence; reporting behaviour; perceptions of crime in neighbourhood  | H,P               | y                           | y                           |

# **SOUTH AUSTRALIA — continued**

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1991        | 8710.4        | <b>Housing and Locational Preferences, Adelaide</b><br>Dwelling type; nature of occupancy; movement patterns in households; problems of current dwelling; weekly housing costs; annual income | H,P               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1992        | 6215.4        | <b>Women's Employment Patterns</b><br>Number and types of changes throughout working lives; breaks in career; effect on careers   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1993        | 9203.4        | <b>Drivers and Passengers: Travel to Work, Adelaide</b><br>Method of travel to work; passengers taken; reasons for taking/not taking passengers; benefits from ride sharing                   | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Health and Nutrition Survey</b><br>(characteristics of South Australian residents)<br><i>see pages 126-127 for Survey description</i>  | P                 | y                           | y                           |

# TASMANIA

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>  | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 8204.6        | <b>Solid Fuel Consumption</b><br>Main form of heating; type of firewood/coal heater; method and frequency of obtaining firewood; price paid; estimated usage of firewood  | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1986        | 4102.6        | <b>Library Usage</b><br>Characteristics of users; frequency of visits; material borrowed; reading habits; satisfaction with library services  | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1987        | 8204.6        | <b>Domestic Energy and Firewood Usage</b><br>Energy source used for heating, hot water, cooking; type of appliance; source of firewood; usage; price paid;  | H                 | n.a.                        | n.a.                        |
| 1988        | ..            | ..  |                   |                             |                             |
| 1989        | 4511.6        | <b>Community Attitudes and Awareness of Emergency Services</b><br>Presence of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in dwelling; awareness of safety procedures; awareness of emergency and ambulance services; perceptions of crime   | H,R               | y                           | n.a.                        |
| 1990        | 6247.6        | <b>Nature and Conditions of Part-Time Employment</b><br>Type of employment; hours worked; reasons for current working arrangements; conditions of work  | P                 | y                           | y                           |
| 1991        | ..            | ..  |                   |                             |                             |
| 1992        | ..            | ..  |                   |                             |                             |
| 1993        | (a)           | <b>Volunteers, Emergency Services and Crime</b><br>Volunteer workers; informal and formal voluntary work; length of participation; hours worked; type of activity; households with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers; awareness of emergency services and procedures; perception of crime | P,H               | y                           | y                           |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Participation in Sporting and Physical Recreational Activities</b>   | nyd               | nyd                         | nyd                         |

(a) No publication produced. All data available as a special data service.

# NORTHERN TERRITORY

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1985        | 9201.7        | <b>Recreational Travel of Northern Territory Residents</b><br>Number of holidays and overnight trips; destination; time of year; mode of transport; type of accommodation  | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1986        | 4301.7        | <b>Consumption of Alcohol, Tobacco and Analgesics</b><br>Alcohol consumption; drinking patterns; smoking status; number of cigarettes consumed; type of cigarette; frequency and number of analgesics consumed       | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1987        | 3401.7        | <b>Northern Territory Resident Profile</b><br>Resident type; reason for coming to Northern Territory; where came from; intention to stay; period of residence; reason left Northern Territory                        | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1988        | 4201.7        | <b>Participation in Post Secondary Education</b><br>Participation details; preferences of types of courses; modes of study   | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1989        | ..            |  |                   |                             |                             |
| 1990        | 4302.7        | <b>Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption, Darwin</b><br>Average consumption of alcohol; type of alcoholic beverage; drinking patterns; average expenditure on alcohol; cigarettes consumed per day; expenditure on tobacco | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1991        | 4108.7        | <b>Participation in Sporting and Recreational Physical Activities in Urban Northern Territory</b><br>Types of activities; regularity of participation; length of sessions; reasons for/for not participating         | P                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1992        | ..            |  |                   |                             |                             |
| 1993        | nyr           | <b>Interstate and Overseas Visitors</b><br>Number of nights stayed with household; if friends/relatives; visitor origin; purpose of visit; mode of transport; if first visit to Northern Territory;                  | H                 | y                           | sds                         |
| 1994        | nyr           | ..   |                   |                             |                             |

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Cat no</i> | <i>Topic</i>   | <i>Data level</i> | <i>Demo-graphic details</i> | <i>Labour force details</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1991        | 8710.8        | <b>Housing and Locational Preferences</b><br>Dwelling type; nature of occupancy; movements patterns of households; aspects of Canberra's character   | H,R               | y                           | sds                         |
| 1992        | (a)           | <b>Family Survey (characteristics of ACT residents)</b> <i>see page 89-90 for Survey description</i>   | H,P               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1993        | (a)           | <b>Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (characteristics of ACT residents)</b> <i>see page 86-88 for Survey description</i>   | H,P               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1993        | (a)           | <b>Family Responsibilities and Labour Force Participation</b><br>Patterns of labour force participation for those with family responsibilities; existing work practices; responsibilities including care of pre-school school aged children, aged persons and other family members | H,P               | sds                         | sds                         |
| 1994        | nyr           | <b>Health and Nutrition Survey (characteristics of ACT residents)</b> <i>see pages 126-127 for Survey description</i>  | P                 | y                           | y                           |

(a) No publication produced. All data available as a special data service



# **Part C**

## **Special Supplementary Surveys (SSS)**



## C. Special Supplementary Surveys (SSS's)

Data on topics that are either too lengthy to be included as a supplementary to the Monthly Labour Force Survey (MLFS), or require a special technique such as a personal interview with each individual in the household, are collected in the Special Supplementary Surveys (SSS) program.

The SSS program was introduced at the beginning of the 1980's. Over the last decade it has transformed the ability of the ABS to meet increasingly detailed requests for a broad range of social and labour statistics.

The SSSs are conducted at a sample of households completely separate from the Monthly Labour Force Survey sample. Usually the sample size for a SSS is half, or less, that used for the MLFS. The amount of time spent at a household for a SSS is on average three times as long as time spent for the MLFS and its supplementary survey.

SSSs generally use a personal interview collection methodology. This differs to the monthly supplementary surveys which usually obtain information about individual household members using the 'any responsible adult' method.

Similar inclusion and exclusion scope rules apply for the Special Supplementary Surveys, except that members of the Australian permanent defence forces, living in private dwellings, are usually included for topics of a social nature. When appropriate, information about children under 15 is also collected.

While many SSSs are of a one-off nature, a small number of surveys have been seen as central to monitoring and/or evaluating initiatives in key areas of social policy. These core surveys are outside the review process described in pages 113-116 and are repeated on a regular basis. The national surveys designated as core surveys are:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| National Health Survey          | 5 yearly   |
| Income and Housing Costs Survey | Continuous |
| Household Expenditure Survey    | 5 yearly   |
| Disability and Ageing Survey    | 5 yearly   |
| Crime and Safety Survey         | 5 yearly   |
| Time Use Survey                 | 5 yearly   |

Users of data should be aware while these core survey topics remain, individual data items collected within the topics may change over time. In many cases this is a reflection of emerging economic or social issues that the survey seeks to collect information on.

## **Special Supplementary Survey Program 1985–1996**

Household Energy Consumption Survey 1985

Income and Housing Costs Survey 1985–86

Alternative Working Arrangements Survey 1986

Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1988

(also known as Domestic Care of the Aged and Handicapped 1988)

Housing 1988

Household Expenditure Survey 1988–89

Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications 1989

Career Paths of Qualified Nurses 1989

How Workers Get Their Training 1989

Health Survey 1989-90

Income, Housing Costs and Housing Amenities 1989–90

Family Survey 1992

Time Use Survey 1992

Household Expenditure Survey 1993–94

Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1993

Training and Education 1993

Housing Australia 1994

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994

Health and Nutrition Survey 1995

Adult Literacy Survey 1996

## Special Supplementary Surveys In Program 1988 – July 1994

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994

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## Description

This survey will provide Commonwealth and State agencies and the Aboriginal people themselves, with information on the characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (A & TSI) people in areas such as health, housing, employment, education and training, family and household make-up, cultural issues, and law and justice.

Scope of the survey is restricted to persons usually resident in Australia aged 13 and over who identify themselves as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders. Details for children 12 years and under are obtained from the child's parent or guardian.

## Frequency

Irregular; first survey being conducted 1994  
(initial results expected to be released December 1994)

## Data items

### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory and area of usual residence  
Whether Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander  
Intra-household relationships  
Family Type  
Household Type  
Age  
Sex

### Language and Culture

Whether speaks an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language  
Main language spoken  
Difficulty with English  
Need for Interpreter Services  
Participation in A & TSI cultural activities in the last 12 months  
Reasons couldn't go to A & TSI cultural activities  
- Meeting place for A & TSI cultural activities  
Identification with a Clan/Tribal/Language group  
Whether the role of elders is important  
Recognition of homelands  
Importance of homelands  
Whether live in homelands, grew up in homelands or ancestors came from homelands  
Whether visited homelands in the last 12 months  
Whether homelands is a town or city  
Allowed to live in or visit homelands  
Whether taken away from natural family as a child by government or welfare  
    If taken away who brought child up  
Childcare  
    Number of children ever born  
    Availability of child care services  
    Use of child care services  
    Type of child care services used  
    Main reason for not using child care services  
    Reasons for using child care services

**Education and Training**

**Schooling**

- Distance to educational institutions
- Type of school attending (government/non-government)
- Level of school attending ( primary/secondary)
- Whether student receives A & TSI cultural lessons
- Whether student is taught an A & TSI language
- Whether student is taught by A & TSI teacher, education worker or community member
- Attitudes to cultural awareness programs for school teachers
- Preference for more say in children's education
- Whether Parent/Guardian is made to feel welcome at the school
- Parent/Guardian involvement in decision-making at school
- Whether preferred to send children to an Aboriginal independent school
- Whether Parent/Guardian is happy with the education children are receiving at school
- Age left school
- Highest year of school completed

**Educational Qualifications**

- Level of highest qualification obtained
- Main field of study of highest qualification
- Type of educational institution attended
- Whether qualification was part of an apprenticeship or traineeship

**Training**

- Number of training courses attended
- Type of training course attended
- Provider of training course
- Length of training course
- Whether completed training course
- Whether used the information gained from the training course
- Whether training was part of an Apprenticeship or Traineeship

**Current study**

Main reason for non-completion of courses

Main difficulty with undertaking further study and training

**Employment**

Labour force status

Status of worker

Whether job is part of Community Development Employment Program (CDEP)

Whether has more than one job

Employment sector (public/private/community)

Usual hours worked per week

Whether want to work more hours

Whether work allows cultural obligations to be met

Duration of unemployment

Difficulties in getting job

If not looking for work — main reason

Number of employers worked for in last year

Months worked in last year

Voluntary work

**Income**

Personal income (Gross)  
Household income (Gross)  
Main source of income  
Types of government payments received  
Household income after housing costs

**Health**

**Health Condition and Actions**

Height and weight  
Whether experienced recent illness  
Types of illness experiences  
Actions taken in the last 2 weeks in response to recent illness  
Specified current conditions  
Specified long term conditions (has had condition for 6 months or longer)  
Whether has a severe handicap  
Whether receives any help  
Whether gone away for treatment of a problem  
Number of trips  
Duration of each trip  
Self assessed health status  
Perception of main health problems in their community

**Health Services**

Distance to the nearest health services  
Whether uses the nearest health service/ reasons for not using  
Whether indigenous medical or health staff are available  
Type of local health services available  
Whether flying medical service is available  
Involvement of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people in the provision of health services  
Satisfaction with local health services  
Problems with local health services

**Food intake**

Whether worries about going without food  
Whether any household members went without food  
Reasons for going without food  
Number of days went without food  
Fat consumption index  
Sugar consumption index  
Whether breastfed  
Duration breastfed

**Smoking, Alcohol and Other Substances**

Whether smokes or not  
Amount smoked per day  
Last time alcohol was consumed  
Attitudes to substance abuse



**Law and Justice**

Legal Services

- Whether used legal services
- Type of legal services used
- Reasons for not using legal services
- Distance to legal services

Incidence of crime, whether reported to police, reasons not reported

- Whether verbally threatened, number of times
- Whether attacked, number of times
- Whether suffered theft from dwelling
- Whether family violence is a common problem in the area

Attitudes to police

- Attitudes to police in dealing with crime
- Attitudes to police in dealing with violence
- Attitudes to police in dealing with family violence
- Whether hassled by police
- Whether victim of police assault
- Whether arrested by police
- Number of arrests
- Whether treated fairly by police
- Whether relations with police have improved
- Whether police liaison officers work in area
- Demand for A & TSI police
- Attitudes to A & TSI police

**Housing**

Type of dwelling

Whether dwelling is rented or being bought

Type of landlord

Amount of rent paid per week

Mortgage repayments per month

Number of bedrooms

Number of toilets

Bathrooms

Electricity

Gas

Water

Whether garbage is collected

Breakdowns of toilets, electricity, gas and water

Number of days broken down in the last 4 weeks

Whether dwelling is on a sealed road

**Other**

Whether voted in last election

**Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items is expected to be released by December 1994.

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Director, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics Unit on (089) 432 190.

## Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications 1989

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### Description

This survey covers persons with trade qualifications and aspects of their career in a trade in Australia. Key areas of interest include frequency of use of trade skills, trade qualification details, current occupation and industry in which employed and occupational mobility.

Scope of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 64.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey 1989 (released August 1990). A similar survey was conducted as part of the 1993 Survey of Training and Education (*see page 99*).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Main field of study

Year completed

Where qualification obtained

Age of youngest child

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked last week

Permanent/casual status

Employment status (working in the trade/not working in the trade/unemployed)

Weekly earnings

Frequency of use of trade skills

### Trade qualifications

How/where trade qualifications obtained

Year qualified

Field of trade qualification

### Career path

Whether worked in trade

Whether currently working in the trade

Field of trade in which first worked

Year last left trade

Main reason last left trade

Whether had any break from trade

Number of breaks

Time in trade

Time in trade before first break

Length of first break from trade

Main reason for first break from trade

Main reason returned to trade

Main factor that would enable a return to trade

Main reason never worked in trade in Australia

Whether looking for work in trade

Trade status

## **Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications 1989 — *continued***

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### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia* (6243.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Training Subsection on (06) 252 6660.

## Career Paths of Qualified Nurses 1989

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### Description

This survey traces the working experience of persons with nursing qualifications identifying their use of these qualifications throughout their career and the current occupation and industry in which they are employed.

Scope of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 64.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey 1989 (released April 1990).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6–8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

Educational attainment

Main field of study

Year completed Where qualification obtained

Age of youngest child

### Main job details

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours usually worked in nursing

Hours worked last week

Permanent/casual status

Employment status (working in nursing/not working in nursing/unemployed)

Usual weekly earnings

Location of nursing job(s)

### Nursing qualifications

Where basic nursing qualification obtained

Whether ever registered as a registered nurse/type of nurse registration

Registered nurse summary

Year first registered as a registered nurse

Field of basic nursing qualification

Whether ever registered as an enrolled nurse

Enrolled nurse summary

Year first registered as an enrolled nurse

Main reason never registered

## Career Paths of Qualified Nurses 1989 — *continued*

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### Career path

Whether worked in nursing  
Year last left nursing  
Main reason last left nursing  
Whether consider returning to nursing  
Main factor that would enable a return to nursing  
Whether had any break from nursing  
Number of breaks from nursing  
Time in nursing  
Time in nursing before first break  
Whether intended to leave or have a break from nursing in the next six months  
Length of first break from nursing  
Main reason for first break from nursing  
Main reason returned to nursing  
Main reason never worked in nursing in Australia  
Whether looking for work in nursing  
Main field of most recent nursing position held

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*Career Paths of Qualified Nurses, Australia (6277.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Training Subsection on (06) 252 6660.

## Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1988, 1993

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### Description

The Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey collects national data on persons with one or more disabilities and/or older persons (i.e. those aged 60 or more). Information was also collected on carers of these two groups residing in households. Information collected includes types and levels of disability, current and future care needs and the effects of the caring role on carers.

Scope of the survey was usual residents of private dwellings, most non-domestic accommodation and residents of health establishments (e.g. nursing homes).

### Frequency

Five yearly; latest survey 1993 (released December 1993).

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition<sup>(a)</sup>

Family type<sup>(a)</sup>

Age

Sex

Marital status

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander indicator<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

Country of birth — person (and parents)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

Year of arrival<sup>(b)</sup>

Language other than English spoken at home<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

Income unit description<sup>(a)</sup>

Residence type (private dwelling/institution)

#### Education<sup>(a)</sup>

School attendance

Age left school

Highest level of education attained/post-school qualifications

Current study involvement

#### Employment and Income<sup>(a)</sup>

Occupation

Industry

Hours worked<sup>(b)</sup>

Full-time/part-time status<sup>(b)</sup>

Status of worker

Labour force status

Income

Gross amount

Sources

Type of pension/benefits received

#### Persons with a disability

Number and types of long-term conditions

Cause of main condition

Age onset of main condition<sup>(b)</sup>

Need for assistance

Activities for which assistance needed (personal care, mobility, verbal communication, health care)

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(a) Not available for residents of health establishments. (b) Not available for the 1988 survey.

## **Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1988, 1993 — *continued***

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### **Persons with a disability — continued**

#### **Education limitations<sup>(a)</sup>**

- Type of school attending
- Restrictions and difficulties at school/institution
- Whether condition prevents undertaking further study
- Changes necessary to enable further study<sup>(b)</sup>

#### **Employment limitations<sup>(a)</sup> (persons 15 years and over)**

- Permanently unable to work
- Restricted in type of job and hours worked
- Need for changes to work equipment, other arrangements
- Employment mobility

### **Persons with a disability and all aged persons (persons 60 years and over)**

#### **Need for assistance**

- Activities for which assistance needed (home help<sup>(a)</sup>, home maintenance/gardening<sup>(a)</sup>, financial management/writing letters, transport<sup>(a)</sup>)
- Type of assistance received (informal, formal)
- Number and types of providers of assistance<sup>(a)</sup>
- Reason no assistance provided<sup>(a)</sup>

#### **Housing<sup>(a)</sup>**

- Existing housing arrangements
- Housing needs of persons with a disability and older persons<sup>(b)</sup>

#### **Community activities**

- Ability to get out of the house establishment<sup>(b)</sup>
- Ability to attend social functions<sup>(a)(b)</sup>
- Access to and ability to use telephone<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

#### **Emergency arrangements<sup>(a)</sup>**

- Lives alone
- Ability to look after self, difficulties involved<sup>(b)</sup>
- Emergency arrangements when help needed<sup>(b)</sup>

### **Handicapped persons (a sub-group of persons with a disability )**

#### **Severity of the handicap (profound, severe, moderate, mild)**

#### **Areas of handicap**

- Self care handicap (showering, bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, bladder/bowel control)
- Mobility
- Verbal communication
- Schooling limitation<sup>(a)</sup>
- Employment limitation<sup>(a)</sup>

#### **Ability to use public transport<sup>(a)</sup>**

#### **Aids used/needed**

- Number, types and tasks used for
- Receipt of financial assistance to obtain aids currently used<sup>(a)(b)</sup>
- Dwelling changes<sup>(a)(b)</sup>
- Aids needed and main reason aids not obtained<sup>(a)(b)</sup>

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(a) Not available for residents of health establishments. (b) Not available for the 1988 survey.

## Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1988, 1993 — *continued*

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### Carers<sup>(a)</sup>

Relationship to recipient

Tasks for which help provided (e.g. personal care, everyday living skills, verbal communication, transport, financial management)

Carers need for help to care for recipient

Carers usual source of help

Existence of fall back carer<sup>(b)</sup>

Use of respite care<sup>(b)</sup>

Effects of the caring role on the carer<sup>(b)</sup>

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information was released in

*Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey, Australia: Summary of Results* (4430.0)

*Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey, Australia: Users' Guide* (4431.0)

*Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey, Australia: Data Reference Package* (4432.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Welfare Section on (06) 252 7430.

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(a) Not available for residents of health establishments. (b) Not available for the 1988 survey.



## **Family Survey 1992**

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### **Description**

This survey provides information on the composition/formation of families, family support structures, both within and across households, family formation and dissolution, and fertility according to selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics. The survey's objective is to provide data which allows for the examination of the family's needs, its responsibilities and ability to cope in the face of changing and often limited resources.

Scope of the survey was restricted to persons usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; latest survey 1992 (released December 1993)

### **Data items**

#### **Geographic and Demographic**

State/Territory, area and region

Intra-household relationships

Extra-household relationships

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Nature of occupancy

Type of landlord

Housing costs

#### **Education**

Type of educational institution currently attending

Full-time/part-time status

Age left school

Highest level of education attained/post-school qualifications

#### **Employment and Income**

Occupation

Industry

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Labour force status

Income

Gross amount

Sources

Type of pension/benefits received

#### **Family history**

Marital history

Fertility

Mobility

#### **Family needs and responsibilities**

Employment support

Provision of employment support

Receipt of employment support

Barriers to labour force participation

## Family Survey 1992 — *continued*

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### Family needs and responsibilities — *continued*

#### Payment of education expenses

- Payment of own education expenses
- Payment of education expenses for children
- Barriers to education participation

#### Income support

- Provision of income support
- Receipt of income support

#### Transport

- Transport to work
- Transport for the sick, disabled and elderly
- Transport of children to school and/or child care

#### Accommodation

- Provision of accommodation support
- Receipt of accommodation support

#### Personal care/home help

- Provision of personal care/home help
- Receipt of personal care/home help
- Balance between work and caring for sick, disabled or elderly family members

#### Child care

- Provision of informal child care
- Receipt of formal child care
- Receipt of informal child care
- Balance between work and child care

### Survey publications

Summary data are available in the publication -

*Australia's Families: Selected Findings* (4418.0)

*Families in Australia: A Guide to Content and Procedures* (4415.0)

*Families in Australia: Data Reference Package* (4419.0)

A unit record tape and other products, including a statistical series on families, will be released during 1994 (International Year of the Family).

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Welfare Section on (06) 252 7030.

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NOTE: Data items are available at the person, family and/or household level.

## Health Survey 1989-90

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### Description

The National Health Survey collects a core of information on the health status of Australians, their usage of health services and facilities and health-related aspects of their lifestyles. Other aspects of health are covered in specific surveys in the series. (Note: Some data are available by State Health Service Regions/Areas as well as ABS region level).

Scope of the survey is restricted to persons usually resident in Australia excluding institutionalised people.

### Frequency

Five yearly; first survey 1989-90 (initial results released 1992), next survey to be conducted 1995 (*see pages 126-127*)

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander indicator

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Language other than English spoken at home

Income unit description

#### Education

School attendance

Age left school

Highest level of education attained

Post school qualifications

Current post-school study involvement

#### Employment and Income

Occupation

Industry

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Labour force status

Income

    Gross amount

    Sources

    Type of pension/benefits received

Private Health Insurance (type of cover, contribution rate)

Health concession card(s) held

#### Health status

Self-assessed health/happiness

Recent illness/injury (experienced in two weeks prior to interview)

    Numbers and types of condition

    Types of action taken

Long term conditions (condition expected to last 6 months or more)

    Numbers and types of condition

    Whether any type of action taken in last two weeks

## Health Survey 1989-90 — *continued*

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### Health status

Illness caused by accident

Period since most recent accident

Place of most recent accident

Medical condition resulting

Dental health status

Whether has any natural teeth

Whether and type of dentures/false teeth worn

### Health related actions

Hospital inpatient episodes (previous 12 months and 2 weeks)

Number of episodes

Condition resulting in most recent episode

Public or private hospital

Duration of episode

Visits to hospital casualty/outpatients units (previous 2 weeks)

Number of visits

Type of conditions (most recent visit)

Use of medications (incl. vitamins and minerals)

Types used, condition used for, whether prescribed

Frequency and duration of use (selected types only)

Use of suncreens

Consultations with doctors, dentists and health professionals

Period since last consultation

Number of consultations (last 2 weeks)

Condition for which consulted (most recent consultation)

Treatment/service provided (doctors and dentists only)

Days away from work or school/other days of reduced activity through illness or injury

Condition resulting in days away

Number of bed days away

Breastfeeding (women with children aged 5 years or less)

Whether child(ren) breastfed,

Duration of breastfeeding

Awareness and use of screening services/techniques (women aged 18-64 years)

Knowledge of/frequency of pap smear tests

Knowledge of/frequency of mammograms

Other breast examinations

Use of contraceptive pill and IUD

### Health risk factors

Immunisation (children aged 0-6 years)

Immunisation status

Number and types of vaccinations received

Immunisation (women aged 15-44 years)

Whether immunised against rubella

Reasons not immunised

Smoking

Smoker status

Aged commenced smoking

Duration of smoking

Number of cigarettes smoked per day

Tar/nicotine content of cigarettes usually smoked

Reasons for quitting smoking

## Health Survey 1989-90 — *continued*

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### Health risk factors

#### Alcohol consumption

- Period since last consumed alcohol
- Types and quantities consumed in previous week
- Average daily alcohol intake
- Health risk level of alcohol intake

#### Exercise

- Intensity, duration and frequency of exercise (last 2 weeks)
- Exercise level

#### Dietary changes (selected changes in previous 2 years)

#### Height and weight (self reported)

### Survey publications

Further information about the survey can be found in —

*1989-90 National Health Survey, Users' Guide* (4363.0)

Selected results of the survey can be found in —

*1989-90 National Health Survey, Summary of Results* (4364.0)

*1989-90 National Health Survey, Health Status Indicators* (4370.0)

*1989-90 National Health Survey, Health Related Actions* (4375.0)

*1989-90 National Health Survey, Health Risk Factors* (4380.0)

*Women's Health* (4365.0)

*Lifestyle and Health* (4366.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Health Surveys on (06) 252 6403.

## Household Expenditure Survey 1988-89, 1993-94

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### Description

This survey provides information on the goods and services households purchase and their proportional representation in the family budget. It also details how spending patterns of private households vary according to such characteristics as geographic area, household size, household composition, occupation and income level.

Scope of the survey is restricted to persons in households, usually resident in Australia, aged 15 and over.

### Frequency

Five yearly; latest survey 1988-89 (released June 1990)

1993-94 survey (expected to be released first half of 1995)

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition

Family composition

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

#### Characteristics of households

Dwelling type

Nature of housing occupancy

Number of bedrooms in dwelling

Number of private motor vehicles garaged

Estimated value of dwelling

#### Education, Employment and Income (persons)

Education status

Employment

Occupation

Hours worked in all jobs<sup>(a)</sup>

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Labour force status

Number of weeks unemployed in past 12 months<sup>(a)</sup>

Income

Gross weekly amount

Principal sources<sup>(a)</sup>

#### Household income

Weekly income from all sources

Weekly income from government benefits in total

Per capita weekly income

Weekly income from specific sources (including superannuation, property rent, workers' compensation)

Principal source of income

Principal source of government cash benefits

Mortgage details (number, length of loan, purpose, type of lender, amount borrowed etc.)

Personal loan details (number, length, type, lender)

Credit card details (number, interest payments, type, period of bill)

Vehicle details (number, type, number purchased or sold and type)

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(a) Available for reference person only

## Household Expenditure 1988-89, 1993-94 — *continued*

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### Household income — *continued*

Government taxes data

Imputed income tax liability

Indirect tax

Government non-cash benefits (education, health, housing, social security and welfare)

### Household consumption expenditure

Current housing costs

Fuel and power

Food

Alcohol

Tobacco

Clothing and footwear

Household furnishings and equipment

Household services and operation

Transport

Recreation

Personal care

Miscellaneous goods

Education fees

Payments for other property

Miscellaneous services

### Selected other payments

Income tax

Mortgage repayments-principal

Other capital housing cost

Superannuation and life insurance

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

- *Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Summary of Results* (6530.0)
- Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Household Characteristics* (6531.0)
- Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: States and Territories* (6533.0)
- Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Detailed Expenditure Items* (6535.0)
- Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Effects of Government Benefits and Taxes* (6537.0)
- Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Unit Record Files on Magnetic Tape* (6538.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Household Expenditure Surveys on (06) 252 7031.

## Housing 1988

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### Description

The 1988 Housing Survey collected data on a number of housing related topics including dwelling characteristics; nature of occupancy, housing costs and financial arrangements; moving expectations; previous housing arrangements; and ownership of other residential properties. This data allows for the examination of issues such as dwelling affordability in terms of cost and adequacy, housing utilisation, housing stress and housing stock.

Scope of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia and living in private dwellings.

### Frequency

Irregular; released 1990. Next survey to be conducted 1994 (*see pages 128-130*)

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Income unit description

Income

Gross amount

Source

Labour force status

#### Current dwelling characteristics

Type of dwelling

Material of outer walls

Number of bedrooms

Garage/carport

#### Current dwelling — costs and financial arrangements — owners/purchasers

Dwelling owned/being purchased in a formal partnership

Year bought/started buying dwelling

Year moved into dwelling

Alteration/additions made in last 5 years or since moving in

Weekly rates payments

Dwelling purchased in last 5 years

New/not new

Construction arrangements for new dwellings

Institutions loan applications lodged at

Purchase price

Amount of own money towards purchase price

Source of own money

Previous dwelling owner

Making repayments on mortgage or secured loans

Number of mortgages

Receipt of government grant

First and second mortgage details (e.g. source, weekly repayments etc.)

Mortgages taken out in last 5 years (period, terms, interest rate)



## Housing 1988 — continued

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### **Current dwelling — costs and financial arrangements — owner/purchasers — *continued***

#### All remaining mortgages

- Weekly amount of repayments

- Total amount borrowed

- Main purpose

- In receipt of regular assistance to meet repayments

#### Unsecured loans

- Repayment amounts

- Total amount borrowed

- Source

- Purpose

Other borrowings for housing purposes (number, repayments, source etc.)

Other money used for alterations/additions

- Source

- Amount

### **Current dwelling — costs and financial arrangements — renters/boarders**

Landlord type

Weekly rent payment

Reason for renting

On public rental housing list

Period of renting dwelling

Recent rental (started renting in last 5 years)

- Presence and period of lease at start

- Bond or deposit/amount

Own/buying land for homebuilding

### **Moving expectations**

Expecting to move in next 5 years

- Reason for moving

- Expected nature of occupancy

Expecting to move in less than 2 years

- Expected nature of occupancy

- Expected location

- Action taken concerning move

Considering extensions/addition to dwelling if not moving

### **Previous housing arrangements**

Lived with parents in last 5 years (non-dependent children only)

Lived with spouse in last 5 years (if married only)

Method of finding current dwelling

Number of dwellings lived in within last 5 years

Characteristics of previous 2 dwellings lived in

### **Other residential properties**

Own/purchasing status

Type, location, reasons for purchase, current use

### Survey publications

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs and Occupancy* (4130.0)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Finance of Purchasers* (4131.0)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing History and Intentions* (4132.0)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Characteristics of Dwellings* (4133.0)
- 1988 Housing Survey: State and Territory Comparisons* (4134.0)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, New South Wales* (4130.1)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, Victoria* (4130.2)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, Queensland* (4130.3)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, South Australia* (4130.4)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, Western Australia* (4130.5)
- 1988 Housing Survey: Housing Costs, Tasmania* (4130.6)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Household Income and Expenditure Section on (06) 252 7031 or the Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit on (06) 252 5508.

## How Workers Get Their Training 1989

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### Description

This survey provides an extensive range of information on the educational qualifications of employees and the relationship of those qualifications to their current job. It also provides a detailed insight into the nature and extent of in-house and external training courses being attended by employees.

Scope of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 to 64 who had a wage or salary job in the previous 12 months.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey 1989 (released July 1990). A similar survey was conducted as part of the 1993 Survey of Training and Education (*see page 106*).

### Data items

Standard geographic and demographic items (*see pages 6-8*)

Standard labour force items (*see page 9*)

### Main period employer

Occupation

Industry

Sector (public/private)

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Size of location (number of employees)

Permanent/casual status

Duration of continuous employment

Duration of continuous employment during the last twelve months

Weekly earnings

Whether began job with main period employer during the last twelve months

Number of employers in the last twelve months

Whether currently working with main period employer

### Study in previous year for educational qualifications

Level of qualification studied

Main field of first qualification studied

Educational institution at which enrolled for first qualification studied

Full-time/part-time study status for first qualification studied

Employer support for first qualification studied

Who recommended study attendance for first qualification studied

### Educational attainment

Level of educational attainment

Employer support for highest educational qualification obtained

### Qualification required to obtain main period job

Level of educational qualification required to obtain job with main period employer

Employer support for study to obtain the required educational qualification

## **How Workers Get Their Training 1989 — *continued***

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### **In-house training courses attended in last twelve months (persons)**

Number of in-house training courses attended

Main type of in-house training course attended

Total time spent on in-house training courses

Time spent on main in-house training courses

Structure of main in-house training course attended

Whether main in-house training course was for retraining

Whether did main in-house training course to help obtain a promotion

Whether skills gained through main in-house training course transferable to another employer

Summary of in-house training courses required to obtain job with main period employer

### **In-house training courses (courses)**

Types of in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months

Time spent on in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months

Structure of in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months

Whether in-house training courses was for retraining

Whether did in-house training courses to help obtain a promotion

Whether skills gained through in-house training courses transferable to another employer

### **External training courses (persons)**

Number of external training courses attended in the last twelve months

Main type of external training course attended in the last twelve months

Main type of external training course attended in the last twelve months while working

Time spent on main external training course attended in the last twelve months

Structure of main external training course attended in the last twelve months

Whether main external training course attended while working was for retraining

Whether did main external training course while working to help obtain a promotion

Whether skills gained through main external training course attended while working transferable to another employer

Summary of whether external training courses required to obtain job with main period employer

Employer support for main external training course attended while working

- Summary of employer support for external training courses attended while working

Provider of main external training course

Total time spent on external training courses attended in the last twelve months while working

### **External training courses (course places)**

Types of external training courses attended in the last twelve months

Time spent on main external training course attended in the last twelve months

### **Training courses in-house and external (persons)**

Categories of training undertaken in the last twelve months

### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*How Workers Get Their Training, Australia (6278.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics please contact the Assistant Director, Training Subsection on (06) 252 6660.

## **Income, Housing Costs and Housing Amenities 1989–90**

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### **Description**

The 1990 Survey of Income, Housing Costs and Housing Amenities collected a range of information on three distinct topics; income, the nature of housing occupancy and costs, and a number of selected amenities related to the dwelling, and recent home buyers' finance arrangements. 'Recent home buyers' included both first home buyers and change over buyers who purchased a dwelling in the 3 year period 1988 to 1990. This information is useful in examining the relationships between income levels, labour force status, educational attainment, occupation, and housing affordability and accessibility.

Scope of the income component of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 and over. For the housing topics the scope was further restricted to those persons in the above population resident in private dwellings.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; released 1991

Note: From July 1994 key elements of this topic are to be collected monthly in association with the Monthly Labour Force Survey (*see page 123*)

### **Data items**

#### **Geographic and Demographic**

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Income unit description

#### **Education**

School attendance

Age left school

Highest level of education attained

Post school qualifications

Current study involvement

#### **Employment**

Occupation

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Labour force status

#### **Current year income**

Wages and salaries

Government pensions and benefits

Other (e.g. superannuation, workers' compensation)

Own business and investments

#### **Previous financial year**

Number of weeks employed in Australia

Number of weeks away and weeks employed by an Australian business while overseas

Partner in business

Number of weeks looked for work

Number of weeks received government pensions and benefits

Industry and Occupation of main job

## **Income, Housing Costs and Housing Amenities 1990 — *continued***

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### **Previous financial year**

#### **Income**

- Wages and salaries
- Own non-limited liability business
- Government pensions and benefits
- Investment (interest, rent, dividends)
- Other sources e.g. superannuation, workers' compensation

#### **Job entitlements received**

- Holiday leave loading
- Low interest loan
- Commissions/bonuses not included in wages and salary
- Housing rental subsidy
- Subsidy for personal telephone use
- Provision of vehicle for private use
- Subsidy for travel costs
- Provision/subsidy of other selected services

### **Nature of occupancy and housing costs**

#### **Dwelling type**

#### **Year moved in**

#### **Nature of occupancy**

Tenure (owner, purchaser, renter, boarder, rent free and other)

#### **Rental/board arrangement**

- Type of landlord
- Rent/board payment
- Lease status of dwelling

#### **Owner/purchasing arrangement**

- Relationship of owner to respondent
- Month and year dwelling bought and whether dwelling was a gift
- Purchase price if bought after 1984
- Estimated value of dwelling
- Mortgages or loans to build/purchase
  - Number
  - Last repayment on first and other mortgages
  - Amount outstanding on first and other mortgages
  - In current receipt of first home owner's assistance and amount
  - Last financial year receipt of first home owner's assistance and amount
- Mortgages or loans to finance alterations/additions
  - Number
  - Last repayment, all loans
  - Amount outstanding, all loans

#### **Rates last financial year (water and general)**

### **Selected amenities**

- Number and type of rooms
- Number of rooms used as bedrooms
- Number of bathtubs with/without shower facility
- Number of separate shower cubicles
- Number of toilets with/without dual flush
- Garage, number of cars accommodation
- Carport, number of cars accommodation
- Open parking, number of cars accommodation
- Insulation, where present and type
- Fuels used for hot water, room heating, other

## **Income, Housing Costs and Housing Amenities 1989-90 — continued**

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### **Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items and more information can be found in —

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities: Housing Occupancy and Costs* (4130.0)

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities: Characteristics of Dwellings* (4133.0)

*Information Paper: Output from the 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities* (4136.0)

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities: First Home Buyers* (4137.0)

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities: Income Units* (6523.0)

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities: Persons with Earned Income* (6546.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Household Income and Expenditure Section on (06) 252 7031 or the Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit on (06) 252 5508.

## Time Use 1992

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### Description

This topic relates to Australians' use of time. Included is information on basic types of time use i.e. time spent asleep and on personal care; in paid work; in study; in unpaid work; in voluntary work and other community participation; and in 'free' time. Time use patterns of different sub-groups of the population over a 24 hour day (e.g. time spent on different activities) are of great interest to demographic and social analysts.

Scope of the survey is persons usually resident in private households in Australia aged 15 and over.

### Frequency

Five yearly; latest survey 1992 (released December 1993)

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

National, state<sup>(a)</sup>, capital cities/ rest of State

Household composition

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Language other than English spoken at home

Birthplace of parents

#### Education

School attendance

Age left school

Highest level of education attained/post-school qualifications

Current study involvement

Purpose of study

#### Employment and Income

Occupation

Industry

Hours worked

Full-time/part-time status

Status of worker

Labour force status

Home based work

Not in labour force

Desire to work

Reason for not looking for work

Income

Gross amount

Main source

#### Other

Disabled, chronically ill or frail

Carer for ill or disabled person

#### Childcare

User of childcare

Long day or short day care

Formal or informal care



## Time Use 1992 — *continued*

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### Time and activity items

Type of diary day (weekday/weekend)

Character of diary day

Time of day

Average duration of activities

Activity type

    Main activity

    Simultaneous (secondary, tertiary)

Activity (main groups)

    Labour force

    Domestic activities

    Child care

    Purchasing goods and services

    Sleeping, eating and personal care

    Education

    Community participation

    Social life and entertainment

    Active leisure

    Passive leisure

Location/mode of transport

Social context (others present during activity episode)

### Survey publications

More information can be found in —

*1992 Time Use Survey, Australia — Users' Guide* (4150.0)

Summary data for selected items can be found in —

*How Australians Use Their Time* (4153.0)

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Welfare Section on (06) 252 7030.

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(a) Limited data only

## Training and Education 1993

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### Description

The 1993 Survey of Training and Education was conducted throughout Australia in April and May 1993 in two parts. The first part was similar to the How Workers Get Their Training Survey 1989 (*see page 99*) and the second part similar to the Career Paths of Trades Persons Survey (*see page 82*) also conducted in 1989. It also provides information on the extent and type of training that is currently being, or has been, undertaken by the unemployed and persons marginally attached to the labour force (e.g. discouraged jobseekers).

Scope of the survey was restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged between 15 and 64 years who are in the labour force, are marginally attached to the labour force or who had a wage or salary job in the previous 12 months.

### Frequency

Irregular; latest survey 1993 (*expected release mid 1994*).

### Data items

#### Geographic and Demographic

State/Territory, area and region

Family type

Age

Sex

Marital status

Age of youngest child

Disability status

#### Ethnicity

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander indicator

Country of birth

Year of arrival/migrant category

Level of English proficiency (interviewer perception)

Non-English speaking background

    If language other than English usually spoken at home

    If attended any *English as a second language* courses

#### Current labour force characteristics

Labour force status

Status of worker

Hours worked last week

Main and other difficulties in finding work

Reasons for not looking for work

Whether wage or salary earner in the last 12 months

#### Work history over previous 12 months

Number of employers/businesses

#### Main Period Employment (MPE) in previous 12 months

Duration of continuous employment/business

Industry, occupation, sector

Hours usually worked

Whether began job/business during the last 12 months and nature of employment

Usual weekly earnings/income

If training undertaken since entry into occupation sufficient to perform job effectively<sup>(a)</sup>

Areas where training has been deficient<sup>(a)</sup>

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(a) Wage or salary earners only

## **Training and Education 1993 — *continued***

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### **Study for an educational qualification**

(Most recent course of study in 1993 and first course of study in 1992)

Course details, study status and relationship to previous qualifications

Whether study undertaken by open learning

Whether employer and/or other support for study and type

Purpose of educational study (recreational or vocational)

### **Educational attainment**

Age left school

Highest year of secondary school attended

Details of Highest and second highest qualification held

Number of Australian post-school educational qualifications obtained

Whether apprenticeship started and not completed, if so, for what reasons

(Overseas born persons only)

Country

Level and field of study prior to migration

Educational qualifications and other training in management/supervision

### **Proficiency in computing**

Level of proficiency in particular applications (e.g. spreadsheets, word processing)

How computer skills acquired (formally/informally)

Qualifications held in computing field

### **Qualifications required to obtain main period job**

Level of educational qualification required to obtain job

Whether highest qualification needed to obtain job

Whether completed study prior to starting job

Employer and/or other support for study to obtain the required educational qualification

### **Education and training workforce**

Whether involved in post-school vocational education/training as part of paid employment

Type of establishment employed with

Type of training activity performed

Whether education and training activities part of main job or done as second/subsequent job

Proportion of working time spent on development, provision and evaluation of training programs (DPE)

Other work done in education/training job

Main field of education/training provided in the relevant job

Qualifications held in teaching/training

Whether have received training in DPE activities such as 'train the trainer' courses

Length of experience in post-school education/training occupation

### **Training courses attended in the last 12 months**

Number of courses attended

Type/structure of course attended

Time spent on course attended

Whether a retraining course

Implications of courses attended while had a job (e.g. help obtain promotion)

Details and assessment of in-house/external courses attended

Course attendance while not in a job and reasons for attendance

### **Training requirements of unemployed and marginally attached persons**

Skill development and training required to obtain a job availability of such training

Reasons for not undertaking training

Access difficulties in undertaking training

**Trade persons**

Status of worker

Frequency of use of trade skills

Industry and occupation in previous work

Trade qualifications

Field

Number of trades qualified in

Qualifications obtained in Australia

Year obtained

How obtained

Time since qualified or first worked as a tradesperson

Whether currently working in trade

Whether worked in trade in Australia

Field of trade in which first worked in Australia

Year last left trade

Main reason last left trade

Whether had any break from trade of 12 months or more

Length of first break from trade

Main reason for first break from trade

Main reason returned to trade

Time in trade before first break

Main factor that would encourage a return to trade

Main reason never worked in trade in Australia

Whether would consider returning to trade

Whether looking for work in trade

Training required for unqualified tradesman to obtain recognised Australian qualification

**Survey publications**

Data from a summary of these items are expected to be released in —

*Training and Education Experience, Australia (6278.0)*

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics please contact the Assistant Director, Training Subsection on (06) 252 6660.

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## Regional Data

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Data from the Monthly Labour Force Survey (MLFS) and monthly supplementary surveys to the MLFS may be available by region. Availability is dependant upon sample size and corresponding reliability and confidentiality provisions. Regions for which data may be available are as follows —

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

*Sydney Major Statistical Region*

Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions

Inner Sydney Statistical Region

Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region

St George – Sutherland Statistical Region

Canterbury – Bankstown Statistical Region

Fairfield – Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions

Fairfield – Liverpool Statistical Region

Central Western Sydney Statistical Region

Outer Western Sydney Statistical Region

Blacktown – Baulkham Hills Statistical Region

Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region

Hornsby – Ku-ring-gai Statistical Region

Northern Beaches Statistical Region

Gosford – Wyong Statistical Region

*Balance of New South Wales*

Hunter Statistical Region

Newcastle Statistical Region Sector

Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions

Illawarra Statistical Region

Wollongong Statistical Region Sector

Richmond–Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions

Northern, Far West–North Western and Central West Statistical Regions

Murray – Murrumbidgee Statistical Region

### **VICTORIA**

Melbourne Major Statistical Region

Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region

North Western Melbourne Statistical Region

Inner Melbourne Statistical Region

North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region

Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region

Southern Melbourne Statistical Region

Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region

South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region

Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region

*Balance of Victoria*

Barwon – Western District Statistical Region

Central Highlands – Wimmera Statistical Region

Loddon – Campaspe – Mallee Statistical Region

Goulburn – Ovens – Murray Statistical Region

All Gippsland Statistical Region

## **Regional Data — *continued***

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### **QUEENSLAND**

*Brisbane Major Statistical Region*

Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Region

Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Region

South and East BSD Balance Statistical Region

North and West BSD Balance Statistical Region

*Balance of Queensland*

South and East Moreton Statistical Region

North and West Moreton Statistical Region

Wide Bay – Burnett Statistical Region

Darling Downs–South West Statistical Region

Mackay – Fitzroy – Central West Statistical Region

Northern–North West Statistical Region

Far North Statistical Region

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

*Adelaide Major Statistical Region*

Northern Adelaide Statistical Region

Western Adelaide Statistical Region

Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region

Southern Adelaide Statistical Region

*Balance of South Australia*

Northern and Western South Australian Statistical Region

Southern and Eastern South Australian Statistical Region

### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Perth Major Statistical Region*

Central Metropolitan Statistical Region

East Metropolitan Statistical Region

North Metropolitan Statistical Region

South West Metropolitan Statistical Region

South East Metropolitan Statistical Region

Balance of Western Australia

Lower Western Western Australian Statistical Region

Remainder – Balance Western Australian Statistical Region

### **TASMANIA**

Greater Hobart – Southern Statistical Region

Greater Hobart Statistical Division

Northern Statistical Region Sector

Mersey – Lyell Statistical Region Sector

### **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Only available as all of Territory

### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Only available as all of Territory



## References and Related Publications

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ABS Catalogue numbers relating to the individual surveys outlined in this booklet are provided at the bottom of the relevant survey description.

Catalogued products are available through any ABS Bookshop.

### **Catalogues and Directories**

*Catalogue of Publications and Products* Annual (1101.0)

*Catalogue of Electronic Products* Irregular (1111.0)

*An Index of Information About Women — A Guide to Statistical Publications* Irregular (1117.0)

*Directory of Housing Related Statistics* Three yearly (1118.0)

*Directory of Superannuation Related Statistics* Irregular (1131.0)

*Directory of Industrial Relations Statistics* Irregular (1134.0)

*A Directory of Education and Training Statistics* Irregular (1136.0)

*A Guide to Australian Social Statistics* Irregular (4160.0)

### **Social Statistics — General**

*Australian Social Trends* Annual (4102.0)

*Women in Australia* Irregular (4113.0)

*Australia's Children* Irregular (4119.0)

*Australia's Young People* Irregular (4123.0)

*Education and Training in Australia* Irregular (4224.0)

*A Social Health Atlas of Australia* Irregular (4385.0)

### **Labour Statistics — General**

*Labour Statistics, Australia* Annual (6101.0)

*A Guide to Labour Statistics* Irregular (6102.0)

*Australian Labour Market* Annual (6284.0)

*Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment* Irregular (6279.0)

*Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* Irregular (6232.0)

## References and Related Publications — *continued*

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### **Classifications**

#### **Industry — ASIC**

*Australian Standard Industrial Classification, Volume 1 The Classification* (1201.0)

#### **Geographic — ASGC**

*Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0)

#### **Occupation — ASCO**

*Australian Standard Classification of Occupations(ASCO) Statistical Classification* (1222.0)

#### **Country of Birth — ASCCSS**

*Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS)* (1269.0)

#### **General**

*A Directory of Concepts and Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Statistics*

## **APPENDIX A**

### **1. Formulation of the Household Surveys Program**

#### **1.1 Planning the Household Surveys Program**

The ABS household surveys program, which includes all the surveys covered by this directory, is a component of the overall ABS Forward Work program. For this reason, and as a consequence of the significant demands placed by a variety of user groups on the program, considerable attention is given to the co-ordination and planning of the household surveys program. This planning and co-ordination is carried out by the Social Statistics Steering Group (SSSG), comprising senior representatives from different ABS Programs and Offices.

A major aspect of the planning for the household survey program involves areas of the ABS seeking proposals annually, including State/Territory specific submissions (see page 58), for new topics which are likely to be of interest to a number of users of the data. New topic submissions to the SSSG must include comprehensive and relevant claims for inclusion.

#### **1.2 Claims for Inclusion on the Household Surveys Program**

##### **1.2.1 The Topic Submission**

New topic submissions for inclusion on the household surveys program are generally co-ordinated by the area of the ABS ultimately responsible for producing data from that survey. It is important that topic submissions are comprehensive. They must include:

- A description of the new topic;
- The principle information requirements, and their relative priority for collection;
- Details of other known major users;
- Main uses of the data; and
- • Any known particular survey design issues, such as:
  - Privacy or other sensitivities involved in collecting the data;
  - Any unusual costs;
  - Timing restrictions that will affect the survey; and/or
  - Methodological considerations for collecting accurate data (eg whether the survey will need to be conducted by face to face interview as opposed to telephone or mail).

##### **1.2.2 Justification of a Topic**

Although the above topic submission requirements facilitate the selection of the most appropriate survey vehicle, Monthly Population Survey (MPS), or Special Supplementary Survey (SSS), (see Parts B and C of this directory), and the selection of the best methodology for the conduct of a new survey, the choice of a new topic is

predominantly determined by SSSG on the strength of its justification against other competing topics.

To boost the chances of selection, the proposer of a new topic must therefore provide the following supporting information to the relevant ABS subject matter area:

- A statement of the uses to which the survey data would be put, including the consequences to the user should the proposed survey not be conducted.
- The backing of the senior management of the proposing body. Ideally, support should also be obtained from other groups or bodies with responsibilities impinging on the proposed survey topic.
- Where other statistics related to the topic are available, it must be demonstrated that the information to be obtained by the proposed survey would be either complementary and/or supplementary to data already available, and not duplicate existing data.

### **1.2.3 Suitability of a Topic**

Some topics are not considered suitable to be included in a household survey conducted by the ABS. A proposer of a new topic should consider its suitability against the following criteria:

- The requested data should be able to be translated into questions that can be understood by the average householder.
- The reporting load that the survey would impose on the Australian public should not be too onerous.
- The topic's potential for unduly invading the privacy of respondents must be considered.
- The proposed survey should not seek opinions on levels of satisfaction with products or services which are primarily market research concerns.
- It should not seek views of a public opinion or polling nature whereby it might be construed that the ABS was partial in a political debate.
- The results of the proposed topic cannot be for the exclusive use of only one user.
- No information likely to compromise the confidentiality of the data supplied by respondents can be collected. (However, for some Population Surveys, the ABS may be willing to supply users with a computer tape of survey responses in a way that would not allow an individual or household to be identified.)

If only national estimates are required, and/or only a small topic is proposed (eg only a few questions), the Population Survey Monitor may be a more appropriate survey vehicle, See Section 3 of this Appendix.

### **1.3 Placement of Topics in the Program**

Once new topic submissions are received, the SSSG will weigh up the respective merits of them and allocate new topics to vacant positions on the future household surveys programs. These successful topics will then be conducted at the nominated time, subject to successful testing of the prospective methodology and data items. All successful State/Territory specific Monthly Population Survey topics are generally allocated to the month of October.

(Note: Every three years SSSG conducts a comprehensive review of all supplementary surveys, regular and intermittent, conducted on the Monthly Population Survey vehicle. The review includes consultation with current and potential clients of the survey vehicle, and recommends the basic Monthly Population Surveys Program for the next three years. Some vacant months are left in the long term program to provide opportunities for new topics requested in the annual evaluation of the MPS Forward Work Program.

### **1.4 Development of Topics Chosen for the Program.**

With all new topics allocated positions in the Household Surveys Program, it is the responsibility of the appropriate subject matter areas within the ABS to follow-up those organisations successfully requesting the surveys, and also to contact other potential users of the survey data. The subject matter areas will ask these users to define as precisely as possible the data required from the surveys. A data specification document will be produced which will form the basis of the design of the questionnaire(s) and documentation for the proposed survey.

The new topics in the program are subject to methodological and data item testing to ensure that high quality statistics will be produced. Large surveys generally require several tests to resolve the many methodological and data item issues. Small new topics may only require a single test. Testing will confirm the best methodology, and the data items producing the best quality statistics. This may mean that some preferred data items may be dropped from the final collection.

### **1.5 Tabling the New Topic**

Once a new topic has been thoroughly tested and proven to be collectable in the ABS Household Survey Program, it must be tabled in both Houses of Federal Parliament before the survey is conducted. The tabling document must include an outline of the survey topic, the major users of the survey data, and the purposes for which the data will be used.

### **1.6 How to Notify the ABS of a Newly Emerging Topic Proposal**

Some potential topic proposals arise outside the above-mentioned annual submission process and the triennial Monthly Population Survey review. Any current and prospective users of ABS data who have justifiable and suitable new survey proposals that have not been communicated to the ABS, do not have to wait to be contacted. They can present a survey proposal at any time to one of the appropriate subject matter contacts listed on page 148, or they can call the relevant State office contact on the same page.

## **1.7 Conclusion**

All topics satisfying the above justification and suitability criteria will be considered by the SSSG in formulating the household surveys program for future years, in competition with other proposals.

Clients who may require data on a topic not appropriate to the household survey program or not successful in achieving a place on the program are still able to utilise the professional services of the ABS through the ABS Statistical Consultancy Team, or alternatively the Population Survey Monitor may be appropriate.

## 2. The ABS Statistical Consultancy Team

The ABS Statistical Consultancy Service provides a personalised service to meet the statistical needs of clients. ABS Statistical Consultancy are expert statisticians with experience in providing advice and assistance through a wide variety of statistical services including: design and selection of samples of households and businesses; design of questionnaires; data collection and processing; data extraction; analysis and interpretation of data; application of mathematical statistical techniques (such as regression analysis and quality control); statistical training courses and program evaluation.

The involvement of the Statistical Consultancy Team brings with it the enviable ABS reputation in the area of collecting accurate information by applying rigorous standards and procedures to the survey process. A well designed and managed survey ensures valid and reliable results at minimum cost. The team can assist with all or any of the components of the most simple or complex survey. Involvement ranges from project definition and survey design, through to questionnaire design, data collection and processing, and the analysis of results.

Take, for example, the data collection phase of a survey. Not restricted to any particular survey methodology, nor just household collections, data may be obtained in four ways

- (a) by accessing records already in existence (administrative by-product)
- (b) by interviewers talking to respondents face to face
- (c) by interviewers talking to respondents over the telephone
- (d) by providing respondents with a questionnaire for them to complete.

The most appropriate data collection methodology will depend on various issues including the type of information to be collected and from whom. Staff of Statistical Consultancy can advise on the most effective and efficient collection methodology.

The ABS has a very large and highly trained field workforce located all over Australia. Managed by ABS State Offices, they can be contracted by Statistical Consultancy to collect information from respondents on a client's behalf.

ABS statistical consultancy services are generally aimed at satisfying, on a user-pays basis, the needs of general government agencies and non-profit institutions. The ABS is, however, able to provide services to government and private business enterprises.

There are Statistical Consultancy Teams located in each Capital City across Australia who are able to personally assist you with your statistical needs.

Alternatively, for clients with relatively straightforward needs, on a small topic, the *Population Survey Monitor* may be appropriate.

### 3. The Population Survey Monitor

Unlike the ABS household survey program, which is largely aimed at producing relatively detailed data for a number of key users, the **Population Survey Monitor, (PSM)** is suitable for the production of data about small topics, usually with a national emphasis and can be commissioned by a client, or syndicate of clients. The client(s) fund the development, collection and production of output requested.

Government departments, public authorities and non-profit organisations are all able to use the PSM as a fast and effective means of obtaining data specific to their needs at a reasonable cost.

These clients can use the PSM to canvas opinion eg attitudes to banning smoking in public areas; evaluate the awareness and use of existing Government programs and services eg child care fee relief; and collect information on household practices and preferences eg preferences for working from home, recycling practices.

Conducted every 3 months the PSM collects information from around 2000 households throughout Australia. Depending on the complexity of the questions, results may be available within three to four months from the time the survey is conducted.

The answers to client's questions are presented on a floppy disk along with some key geographic, dwelling, household, personal, income, and labour force characteristics. A standard report containing frequency counts, definitions of core data items and advice on the reliability of data is provided as well.

Topics are charged for by one of two methods — either the number of questions asked per quarter, or a set charge per minute of interviewing. The Basic Charge for a simple question is \$2250. The Basic Charge for one minute of interviewing is \$9000.

Quotes are given for topics which require questions or sequencing of a more complex nature. Discounts apply to topics repeated unchanged.

If you want to know more about the PSM and/or wish to receive a free copy of the PSM newsletter, contact the PSM team as indicated on page 119.



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## APPENDIX B

### **New Survey Topics to be Conducted July 1994–1997**

Following the submission process described in Appendix A and the most recent review of the Household Survey Program, the proposed program 1994–1998 is as listed on pages 16 and 17. This proposal remains open to annual review.

The topics listed below will be included into the program for the first time in this period.

#### **a. Monthly Supplementary Survey Topics**

In the period July 1994–1997 new surveys of

- Characteristics of Small Business Owners (*see page 121*),
- Children's Immunisation (*see page 122*),
- Income and Housing Costs (*see page 123*) and
- Voluntary Workers (*see page 124*)

will be conducted.

The remaining monthly topics to be conducted in this period are repeats of previously conducted surveys.

#### **b. Special Supplementary Survey Topics**

In the period July 1994–1997 the new special supplementary surveys (SSSs) to be conducted are —

- Adult Literacy Survey 1996 (*see page 125*)
- Health and Nutrition Survey 1995 (*see pages 126–127*) and
- Housing Australia 1994 (*see pages 128–130*).

The only other SSS programmed to be conducted in this period is the Time Use Survey 1997 (*see page 104*).

Although still in the development phase, the following pages provide some details of the the data items proposed for collection within these new topics.

## **Characteristics of Small Business Owners**

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### **Description**

The survey will collect information on the numbers and characteristics of small businesses and characteristics of small business owners. Scope of the survey is restricted to small business owners, both self-employed and employers. Excluded are activities which are not conducted as genuine business operations (i.e. which are more in the form of hobbies or casual work).

For the purpose of the survey, a small business is defined as any genuine business operation with less than 20 employees.

### **Frequency**

Biennial; first survey February 1995.

### **Summary of Proposed Data Items**

Selected geographic items

Legal status of business

Industry

Number of partners or working proprietors

Prior business experience of owner/operator

Number of employees

Characteristics of owner

    Selected demographic items

    Hours worked

    Reasons for being in business

    Source of initial finance

    Use of a business plan

    Advisory services used

    Training needs

    Education and training in small business management

    Reasons for success/lack of success

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, on Small Business Statistics on (06) 252 5614.

## **Children's Immunisation**

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### **Description**

The survey will provide estimates of the immunisation status of children relative to the recommended children's immunisation schedule. Information will also include reasons for having or for not having children vaccinated and use of children's screening services to detect sight, hearing and dental problems.

Scope of the survey is restricted to families usually resident in Australia with children aged 14 years and under.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; first survey 1983, next survey to be conducted April 1995.

### **Summary of Proposed Data Items**

Selected geographic and demographic items

Whether vaccinated

Number of vaccinations received

Type of vaccinations received

Place vaccinated

Reasons for not vaccinating

Incidence of screening for sight, hearing, dental problems

Type and number of services accessed

Person instigating access of service

Outcome of accessing service

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, Health Surveys on (06) 252 6403.

## **Income and Housing Costs**

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### **Description**

The survey will provide information on the income level, source and distribution of income units (married couple/ lone parent/ one person units), families and households; the levels of income for different groups in the population; and the relationships between income levels, labour force status, educational attainment and occupation. The survey will also provide information about housing occupancy and housing costs.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians aged 15 years and over who are usually resident in Australia and living in private dwellings.

### **Frequency**

First survey to be conducted July 1994 and to run continuously on a monthly basis attached to the Labour Force Survey.

### **Summary of Proposed Data Items**

Selected geographic and demographic items

Selected labour force items

Income level by source

Housing costs

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, Household Income and Expenditure Section on (06) 252 7031.

## **Voluntary Workers**

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### **Description**

The survey will provide estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work. It will enable relationships between voluntary work and participation in the paid labour force to be studied. The survey will also provide valuable information on both the economic and social value of volunteer work in Australia.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia aged 15 years or over who work on a voluntary basis.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; first national survey to be conducted June 1995.

State/Territory surveys conducted, *see pages 60–72.*

### **Summary of Proposed Data Items**

Selected geographic and demographic items

Selected labour force items

Type of organisation worked for

Type of voluntary work

Amount of work carried out (hours)

Why voluntary work undertaken

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, Statistical Consultancy (02) 268 4214.

## **Adult Literacy Survey**

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### **Description**

The survey will provide a literacy profile of the Australian population with a focus on adult literacy skills used in daily activities. It will include complementary information on educational attainment, labour force experience and status, ethnicity and socio-economic characteristics.

Scope of the survey is restricted to residents of Australia aged 15 years and over.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; first survey to be conducted 1996.

### **Summary of Proposed Data Items**

Selected demographic characteristics  
Selected labour force characteristics  
Country of birth  
Main language spoken at home  
Age left school  
Country in which primary school attended  
Number of schools attended  
Educational attainment  
Educational attainment of parents  
Current labour force status  
Work history  
Occupation  
Occupation of parents  
Barriers to learning  
English language training/learning  
Access to workplace training  
Reading habits

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, Adult Literacy Section on (06) 252 6156.

# Health and Nutrition Survey 1995

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## Description

This survey is being undertaken as a joint project between the ABS and the Department of Human Services and Health. The survey will collect information from respondents about their diets and health condition and obtain physical measurements. Survey results will allow a comprehensive picture of Australian's food intake, nutritional status, eating habits and state of health to be formed. This will enable analysis of issues such as relationships between demographic factors and nutritional status; the connection between socio-economic status and diet; and kinds of health conditions that affect people with different diets.

Scope of the survey is residents of Australia aged two years and over.

## Frequency

Nutrition Survey — Irregular; first survey 1995.

Health Survey — Five yearly, first survey 1989-90 (*see pages 91-93*),  
next survey 1995 (initial results expected late 1996/early 1997).

## Summary of Nutrition Data Items

Food and nutrition

Type of food consumed

Time of eating

Occasion of eating (breakfast, lunch etc.)

Quantity of food consumed

Place where food obtained

Place of eating

Nutrient content of food consumed

Physical measurements

Height

Weight

Waist

Hips

- Blood pressure

## Health Data Items

Majority of items collected in the 1989-90 National Health Survey, *see pages 91-93* and additionally

### Health status

Specific conditions

Asthma risk

Diabetes history/treatment

Selected musculoskeletal conditions

Illness caused by accident

Injuries/medical condition resulting

Nature of accident

Overall health and well-being



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### Health related actions

Visits to hospital day clinics (previous 2 weeks)

Number of visits

Type of conditions (most recent visit)

Breastfeeding (women with children aged 3 years or less)

Whether child(ren) breastfed

Duration of breastfeeding

Reason ceased

Breastfeeding substitutes

Type used

Age commenced use

History of breast cancer

For any further details regarding this new topic please contact the Assistant Director, National Nutrition Survey on (06) 252 6964 and/or the Assistant Director, Health Surveys on (06) 252 6403.

## **Housing Australia 1994**

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### **Description**

The 1994 Housing survey collects similar information to that collected in the 1988 Housing survey. However, whereas the 1988 survey also focussed on previous housing arrangements and on investment properties, the 1994 survey places greater emphasis on physical aspects of dwellings and the condition of these dwellings. Survey data will help set benchmarks for affordability, suitability and adequacy of housing and assist in the administration, evaluation and planning of housing services and programs.

Scope of the survey is restricted to civilians usually resident in Australia and living in private dwellings.

### **Frequency**

Irregular; latest survey 1994 (expected release early 1995).

### **Data items**

#### **Geographic and Demographic**

State/Territory, area and region

Household composition

Relationship

Age

Sex

Marital status

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Tenure type

Income

Amount

Source

Labour force status

Educational attainment

#### **Physical aspects of dwelling**

Type of dwelling structure

Length of time in dwelling

Material of roof, outside walls, frame of house, window frames

Material of garage or car-port

Type of insulation to walls and roof

Number and type of rooms in dwelling

Age of dwelling

Type of appliances in dwelling

#### **Water and Sewerage**

Source of water supply

Number of times and cause of interruption to water supply

Adequacy of water pressure

Main source of heating water

Length of time and cause of interruption to hot water supply

Type of sewerage system

Whether sewerage system works and cause of failure

**Electricity**

Main source of electricity  
Cause and length of time supply interrupted  
Whether rooms have power points and light fittings  
Any faulty power points and light fittings  
Frequency of blown fuses

**Heating and Cooling**

Main source of energy used to heat dwelling  
Type of heater used  
Frequency of problems with heaters  
Frequency of problems with air conditioning

**Physical condition of dwelling**

Cause of mould or mildew  
Cause of leaks or water penetration  
Cause of cold draughts  
Cause and type of pests in the dwelling  
Cause of security risks  
Material and floor coverings in wet and dry areas  
Condition of windows and flyscreens  
Condition of external doors  
Condition of external and internal stairways  
Whether dwelling has wheelchair access  
Problems with roof drainage and surface runoff  
Type of structural problems  
Need for repairs and maintenance

**Housing costs and financial arrangements — owners/purchasers**

Year of home purchase  
Number of loans still being paid off  
Amount and period of repayment on first loan  
Amount still owing on first loan  
Amount, period and still owing on other loans  
Dwelling purchased in the last 3 years  
    Purchase price  
    Whether first home, new or established  
    Amount of stamp duty, legal fees  
    Whether received concessions  
Amount and period of repayments on loans for alterations or additions (A or A)  
    Amount still owing on loans for A or A  
    Amount spent on A or A  
Amount spent on repairs and maintenance  
Amount and period of general and water rates payment  
Amount and period of body corporate fees  
Estimated resale price of dwelling

### **Housing costs and financial arrangements — renters/boarders**

Period left on current lease  
Amount of advance rent paid  
Amount of bond paid  
Amount of rent paid  
Type of landlord  
How is dwelling furnished  
Estimated resale price of dwelling  
Whether always lived in rented accommodation  
Whether moved house in last five years  
Whether rented from public housing authority  
Reason rental accommodation refused  
Type of structure of previous dwelling  
    Type of tenure  
Reason for leaving

### **Moving expectations**

Whether move out of current dwelling  
Reason for not moving out  
Period intending to stay  
Period expecting to continue in rental accommodation  
Boarders not related to household head  
    Amount and period of board paid  
    Type of room rented  
    Type of shared facilities  
    Whether services provided

### **Other**

Satisfaction with various aspects of dwelling  
Overall satisfaction with dwelling

### **Survey publications**

It is expected that data from this survey will be published early 1995.

For any further details and/or to order unpublished statistics, please contact the Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit on (06) 252 5508.

## Glossary

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| <b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</b>                     | (A & TSI) A person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island origin who identifies as an Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander.   |
| <b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural activities</b> | Events which are mainly or exclusively for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. They may be traditional or contemporary and include events such as funerals, ceremonies, festivals and carnivals as well as involvement with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisations.  |
| <b>Active steps taken to find work</b>                           | Steps taken during the period of unemployment. They comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work and/or contacting friends or relatives.   |
| <b>Apprentices</b>   | Employed persons aged 15–34 who indicate they are undertaking an apprenticeship.  |
| <b>Carer</b>   | A person who provides help or supervision for a handicapped person at home. The Survey of Disabled and Aged Persons collects information from handicapped people about their need for and receipt of help. The person identified by the respondent as the usual provider of help for certain activities and the person whose help the respondent considered most important is defined as the carer if this person lives with the handicapped person and is aged 15 years or over. The carer is not necessarily the person who spent the most time helping the handicapped person. |
| <b>Casual employees</b>  | Employees not entitled to either annual leave or sick leave in their current position.  |
| <b>Child</b>   | Except where otherwise indicated, refers to a person aged under 15 years. In the Child Care Survey, a child is defined as a person under 12 years of age.   |
| <b>Child care</b>  | Relates to those types of care described as formal and informal. See Formal child care ( <i>page 133</i> ) and Informal child care ( <i>page 134</i> ).   |
| <b>Couple families</b>   | Families in which there are two persons married (including de facto) and these persons are husband and wife. Couple families may include one or more children and/or other adult family members.  |

## Glossary — *continued*

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| <b>culture</b>                  | The artistic and social pursuits, expression and tastes, valued by a society. For statistical purposes, culture has been defined in terms of the National Culture/Leisure Statistical Framework, which identifies a number of sectors within the scope of the cultural industry. Culture includes visiting museums, national heritage, zoological and botanic gardens, literature, libraries and archives, music, performing arts, visual arts, film and video, radio, television, community cultural activities, arts education, festivals and cultural administration.                                    |
| <b>Current job</b>              | The main job in which the employee worked in the survey reference week.   |
| <b>Dependants</b>               | All family members under 15 years of age; all sons or daughters aged 15–19 attending school or aged 15–24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time, (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone parents).   |
| <b>Dependent student</b>        | In couple or lone parent families, sons or daughters aged 15 to 19 attending school or aged 15 to 24 attending a tertiary education institution full time (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone parents).   |
| <b>Disability</b>               | Any restriction or lack of ability (resulting from an impairment) to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.   |
| <b>Discouraged jobseekers</b>   | Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within 4 weeks but whose main reason for not taking active steps to find work was that they believed they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons: Considered to be too young or too old by employers; difficulties with language or ethnic background; lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience; no jobs in their locality or line of work; no jobs available at all. <i>See also</i> Marginal attachment to the labour force ( <i>page 135</i> ). |
| <b>Duration of unemployment</b> | The period from the time a person began looking for work or was stood down to the end of the survey reference week. Thus, surveys measure current (and continuing) periods of unemployment rather than completed spells. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of reference week.   |
| <b>Dwelling</b>                 | <i>See</i> Private dwellings ( <i>page 136</i> ) and Special dwellings ( <i>page 137</i> ).   |
| <b>Educational attainment</b>   | Relates to the highest qualification obtained. Includes qualifications other than those obtained from an educational institution (e.g. nursing qualification obtained at a hospital).   |
| <b>Employee</b>                 | A person aged 15 years or over who worked for an employer for wages or salary, or in their own business (either with or without employees), if that business was a limited liability company.   |

## Glossary — continued

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| <b>Employed persons</b>    | <p>Persons aged 15 years and over who, during the survey reference week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or</li><li>• Worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or</li><li>• Were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: On paid leave; on leave without pay for less than 4 weeks up to the end of the reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than 4 weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or</li><li>• Were employers, self employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li></ul> |
| <b>Employer</b>            | <p>A person who operates his or her own economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires one or more employees.</p>  |
| <b>Employment benefits</b> | <p>Concessions, allowances or other privileges received by or provided to employees in their main job in addition to wages or salary while the employees were working for their current employer. Some benefits which are not included are certain allowances received in accordance with award provisions (e.g. safety clothing); maternity and paternity leave; and cash payments in the nature of wages or salary, over award payments, bonuses or payments in lieu of leave. Not all benefits come directly from the current employer, but are received by or provided to employees from other sources as a result of their employment in a particular occupation or industry (e.g. a concession air fare granted by an airline to a travel agency employee).</p>  |
| <b>Family</b>              | <p>Two or more people related by blood, marriage or a defacto relationship who live in the same household. There are three major family types: Couple families (<i>see page 131</i>), one parent families (<i>see page 136</i>) and families of related adults (<i>see Other families page 136</i>). Non-family members such as friends or boarders are excluded from the data on families.</p>  |
| <b>Formal child care</b>   | <p>Regulated care away from the child's home, which includes Pre-school/Kindergarten, Before and After School Care Program, Long Day Care Centre, Family Day Care and other formal care.</p>   |
| <b>Formal training</b>     | <p>All training activities which have a structured plan and format designed to develop job related skills and competence including periods of instruction or a combination of instruction and monitored practical work.</p>  |

## Glossary — continued

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| <b>Full-time workers</b>   | Employed persons who usually work 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the survey reference week.  |
| <b>Gross annual income</b> | Income from all regular sources during the financial year before tax or any other deductions are made. Included are: wages or salaries; net income from own business, trade or profession (including share in partnership); government pensions and benefits; superannuation; interest, rent and dividends; other sources such as maintenance or alimony. In calculating gross annual income, losses are set to zero.   |
| <b>Household</b>           | A group of one or more persons in a private dwelling who consider themselves to be separate from other persons (if any) in the dwelling, and who make regular provision to take meals separately from other persons, i.e. at different times or in different rooms. Lodgers who receive accommodation but not meals are treated as separate households. Boarders who receive both accommodation and meals are not treated as separate households. A household may consist of any number of families and non-family members.                   |
| <b>Income unit</b>         | <p>Comprises a group of (related) people who live together and form a single spending unit. Income units may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• married couple income units i.e. husband, wife, including de facto, and dependent children (if any);</li><li>• one parent income units i.e. a parent and at least one dependent child;</li><li>• one person income units i.e. any person not included in either of the above. Non-dependent children living with their parents are classed as one person income units.</li></ul> |
| <b>Industry</b>            | Classified according to the <i>Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) 1983 Edition, Volume 1 — The Classification</i> (1201.0).   |
| <b>Informal child care</b> | Non-regulated care away from the child's home or elsewhere. It includes care by (step) brothers or sisters, care by relatives and by non-relatives.   |
| <b>Job leavers</b>         | Persons who have voluntarily ceased their last job.   |
| <b>Job losers</b>          | Persons who involuntarily ceased their last job i.e. were laid off or retrenched from that job; left that job because of their own ill-health or injury; the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they did not leave that job to return to studies; or their last job was running their own business and the business closed down because of financial difficulties.  |
| <b>Job searching</b>       | Involves actively taking steps to find work during the current period of unemployment. This includes: Writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.   |



## Glossary — *continued*

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| <b>Labour force</b>                        | All persons who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.   |
| <b>Labour force Status</b>                 | A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined.  |
| <b>Labour force participation rate</b>     | An estimate of the labour force of any group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population of the same group.  |
| <b>Leisure</b>                             | The free time people have to allocate to pursuits other than those necessary, contracted or committed. Leisure time excludes time allocated to sleeping, eating and personal care, labour force activities, domestic activities, childcare/minding and purchasing goods and services. Leisure includes volunteer and community work, religious activities, social life and entertainment, passive and active leisure (i.e. activities which do not necessitate physical involvement and activities which do necessitate physical involvement, respectively). The free time made available as a result of unemployment is considered to be leisure despite the fact that it is enforced leisure. |
| <b>Lone Parent</b>                         | The head of a one parent family.  |
| <b>Main field of study</b>                 | For those persons whose highest qualification is a degree, vocational qualification, certificate or diploma, it is the main field of study for that qualification.  |
| <b>Main job</b>                            | The job in which most hours are usually worked.   |
| <b>Mainly English-speaking countries</b>   | Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, United States of America and New Zealand.  |
| <b>Marginal attachment to labour force</b> | Persons who were not in the labour force in the reference week, but who wanted to work and: Were actively looking for work but did not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; or were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within 4 weeks or could start work within 4 weeks if childcare was available.   |
| <b>Married couple families</b>             | Usually referred to as Couple Families ( <i>see page 131</i> )  |
| <b>Mortgage payments</b>                   | Payments on mortgages or loans to buy or build a dwelling. The lender may be an institution or a private individual. Payments on loans raised for extensions or additions are not included.   |
| <b>Non-dependent child</b>                 | In couple or one parent families, sons or daughters aged 15 and over not attending school or a tertiary educational institution full time (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone parents).   |
| <b>Non-family member</b>                   | A person who is not related to any other member of the household in which they are living.  |

## Glossary — continued

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| <b>Not fully employed workers</b>       | Full-time workers who did not work full-time hours (i.e. did not work 35 hours or more) in the survey reference week for economic reasons e.g. short time and insufficient work, and part-time workers who indicate that they would prefer to work more hours.  |
| <b>Not in the labour force</b>          | Persons who, during the survey reference week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined. Includes persons who were undertaking unpaid home management duties, retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference week was unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation. |
| <b>Not married</b>                      | Persons who are not married includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household.   |
| <b>Occupation</b>                       | Occupation is classified according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) — First Edition, Statistical Classification (1222.0)</i> .  |
| <b>One parent families</b>              | Families in which there is a family head together with at least one dependent son or daughter of his/her own.   |
| <b>Other families</b>                   | Families which are not couple families or one parent families, as defined. They include families in which there is no parent, for example a family head living with a brother or sister.  |
| <b>Other post-school qualifications</b> | Completion of other types of education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.   |
| <b>Part-time workers</b>                | Employed persons who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey reference week.  |
| <b>Permanent employees</b>              | Employees who were entitled to annual leave and sick leave in their current position.   |
| <b>Post-school Qualifications</b>       | Qualifications gained since leaving school by persons who have left school. Respondents indicate which of the following groups best describe their highest qualification: degree, trade qualification, certificate or diploma, other post-school qualification. See also Other post-school qualifications above.  |
| <b>Private dwellings</b>                | A suite of rooms contained within a building which is self-contained and intended for long-term residential use. To be self-contained the suite of rooms must possess cooking and bathing facilities as building fixtures.  |

## Glossary — *continued*

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| <b>Rental tenants</b>              | <p>In the 1988 Housing Survey, 3 specific categories of rental tenants, based on the type of tenure, were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• private i.e. renting from real estate agents and other persons/organisations in the property management business, and private individuals (other than relatives) outside the household;</li><li>• government i.e. renting from a State/Territory housing trust or commission; and</li><li>• other, which includes those renting from employers and relatives not living in the same household.</li></ul> |
| <b>Retired from full time work</b> | <p>Persons aged 45 and over who had had a full time job at some time and who had ceased full time labour force activity (i.e. were not working full time, were not looking for full time work and did not intend to work full time at any time in the future). Persons who were unpaid voluntary workers in their last full time job are excluded.</p>   |
| <b>Sector</b>                      | <p>Classified as either Private or Public. Public sector includes local government authorities, government departments, agencies and authorities created by, or reporting to, the Commonwealth or State parliaments. Private sector includes those employed persons not employed in the public sector.</p>   |
| <b>Self-employed</b>               | <p>A person who operates her or his own economic enterprise, or engages independently in a profession or trade, but who hires no employees.</p>  |
| <b>Size of location</b>            | <p>The number of persons employed at the location of the respondent's job.</p>   |
| <b>Special dwellings</b>           | <p>Includes hostels for the homeless, night shelters and refuges; licensed hotels and motels; hospitals and homes; boarding houses; guest houses, private hotels, hostels, staff quarters, large construction camps; and Aboriginal settlements.</p>   |
| <b>Status of worker</b>            | <p>Employed persons classified by whether they were employers, self-employed, wage and salary earners (employees), or unpaid family helpers.</p>   |
| <b>Superannuation scheme</b>       | <p>Any fund, association, or organisation set up for the purpose of providing a financial benefit to members when they retire from work. The scheme is usually associated with a person's employment and may be operated by individual employers for employees, or by separately constituted bodies.</p>   |
| <b>Tenant</b>                      | <p>See Rental tenants above.</p>   |
| <b>Tertiary institution</b>        | <p>Any educational institution offering post-school courses.</p>   |
| <b>Trade qualifications</b>        | <p>Completion of an approved trade/technical apprenticeship in plumbing, hairdressing etc.</p>   |

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| <b>Trade union</b>           | An organisation (or employee or professional association), consisting predominantly of employees, the principal activities of which include the negotiation of rates of pay and conditions of employment for its members.   |
| <b>Training</b>              | See Formal training (page 133).   |
| <b>Underemployed workers</b> | (As from 1994) Employed workers who did not work as many hours as they would have liked and who had taken active steps to find extra work and/or are available to take up work with more hours.   |
| <b>Unemployed persons</b>    | <p>Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the 4 weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for a temporary illness (lasting for less than 4 weeks to the end of the reference week); or</li><li>(ii) were waiting to start a new job within 4 weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or</li></ul></li><li>• were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than 4 weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.</li></ul> |
| <b>Unemployment rate</b>     | The number of unemployed persons in any group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.  |
| <b>Unpaid family helpers</b> | Prior to April 1986, unpaid family helpers and persons who worked 1–14 hours without pay in a family business or on a farm, or who had such a job but were not at work, were defined as either unemployed or not in the labour force, depending on whether they were actively looking for work. Since that time, such persons have been considered to be employed.  |
| <b>Weekly earnings</b>       | Amount of 'last total pay(s)' from wage or salary job(s) prior to the interview (i.e. before taxation and other deductions had been made). For persons paid other than weekly, earnings are converted to a weekly equivalent. No adjustment is made for any back payment of wage increases or prepayment of leave, etc.   |

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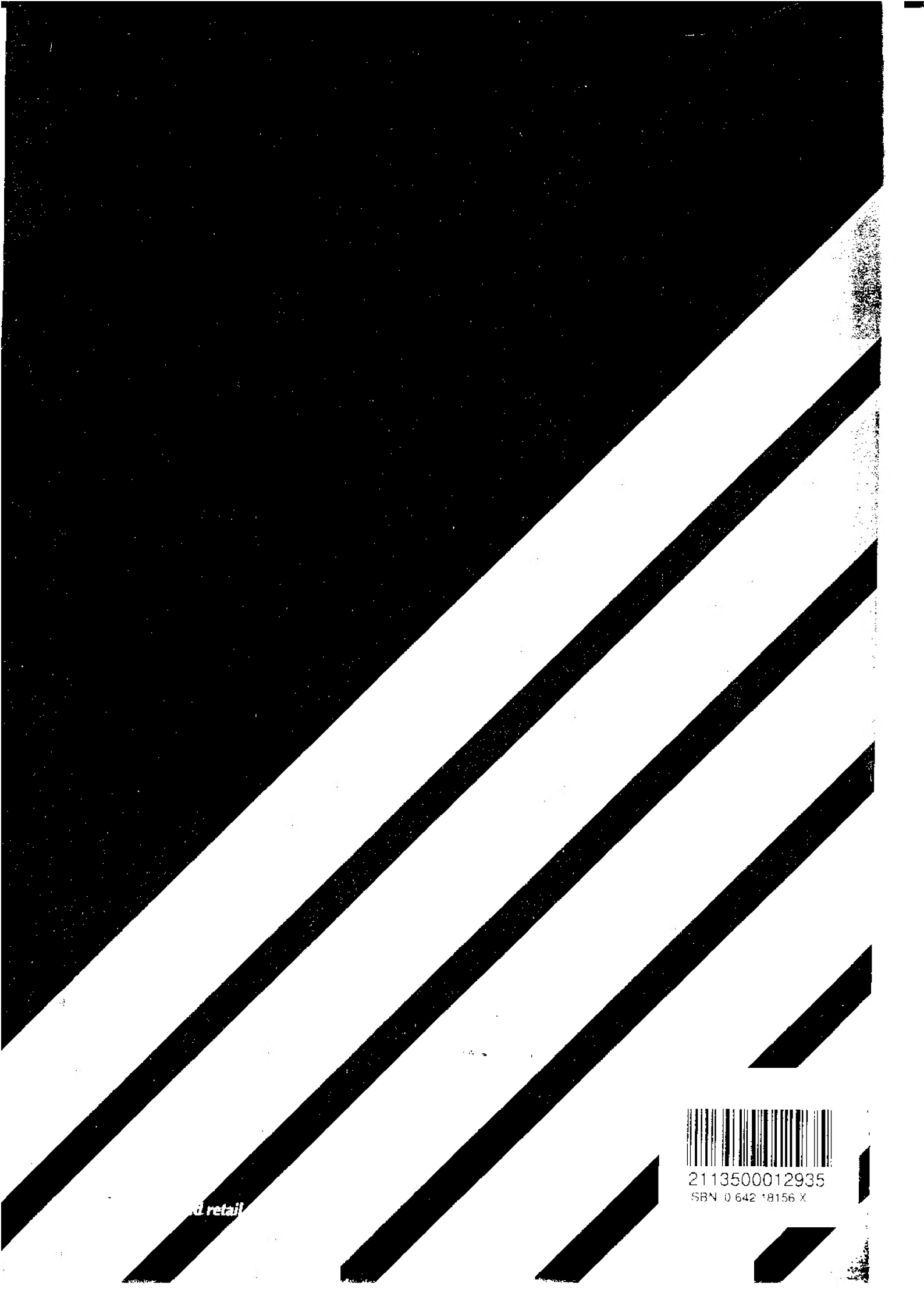


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